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NEW TEAM! MORE POWER!
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THEY SAY, "WHAT A DIFFERENCE A DAY MAKES."

I DON'T THINK THERE'S A PERSON ON **EARTH** WHO WOULD **DISAGREE** WITH THAT OLD CLICHÉ.

EVEN THOSE OF US NOT **FROM** EARTH.

OR, Y'KNOW, AT LEAST NOT FROM **THIS** VERSION OF EARTH... IF **THAT** MAKES ANY SENSE.

ANYWAY--

--TWENTY-FOUR HOURS AGO, I HAD MY HANDS **FULL** ON **ALL** OTHER FRONTS.

AT MY JOB...

STARRWARE INDUSTRIES.

I DON'T KNOW WHAT I'M **LOOKING** AT HERE, SIMON.

THAT'LL KEEP--I NEED YOU TO REVIEW **THESE** NEW LAB SCHEMATICS...

...IF I'M GOING TO REVAMP THE **NANOBYTE PROCESSING UNIT**.

WASN'T I SUPPOSE TO GET A **LATTE** ABOUT A **YEAR** AGO?

I'VE BEEN BACK HERE **HOLDING** IT FOR **20 MINUTES**!!

...AT MY **OTHER** JOB...

GET ME THE @#$% OUTTA HERE!! NOW!! NOW!! NOW!!

KIND OF **UNGRATEFUL**, AREN'T WE?! BUT MAYBE THAT'S THE **VODKA** TALKING!

I COULD SMELL YOUR **BREATH** FROM **EIGHT BLOCKS OVER**!

...**AND** EDUCATING THE YOUTH OF TOMORROW.

TERRA.

OMAR'S COMING!!

NOW YOU'RE GETTING IT.

BUT **THAT** WAS YESTERDAY.

AND AS I SAID...

...WHAT A DIFFERENCE A DAY MAKES!

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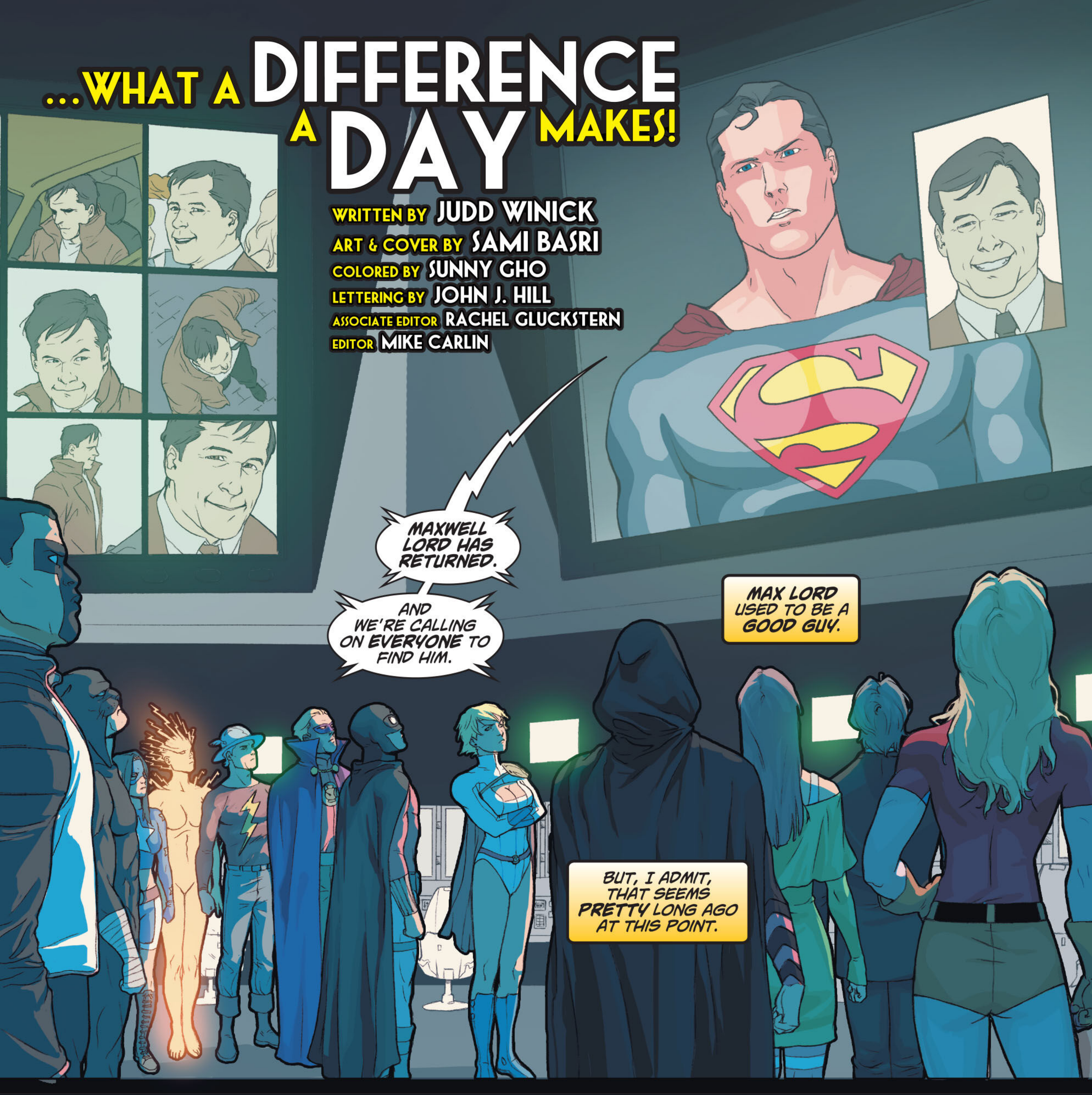
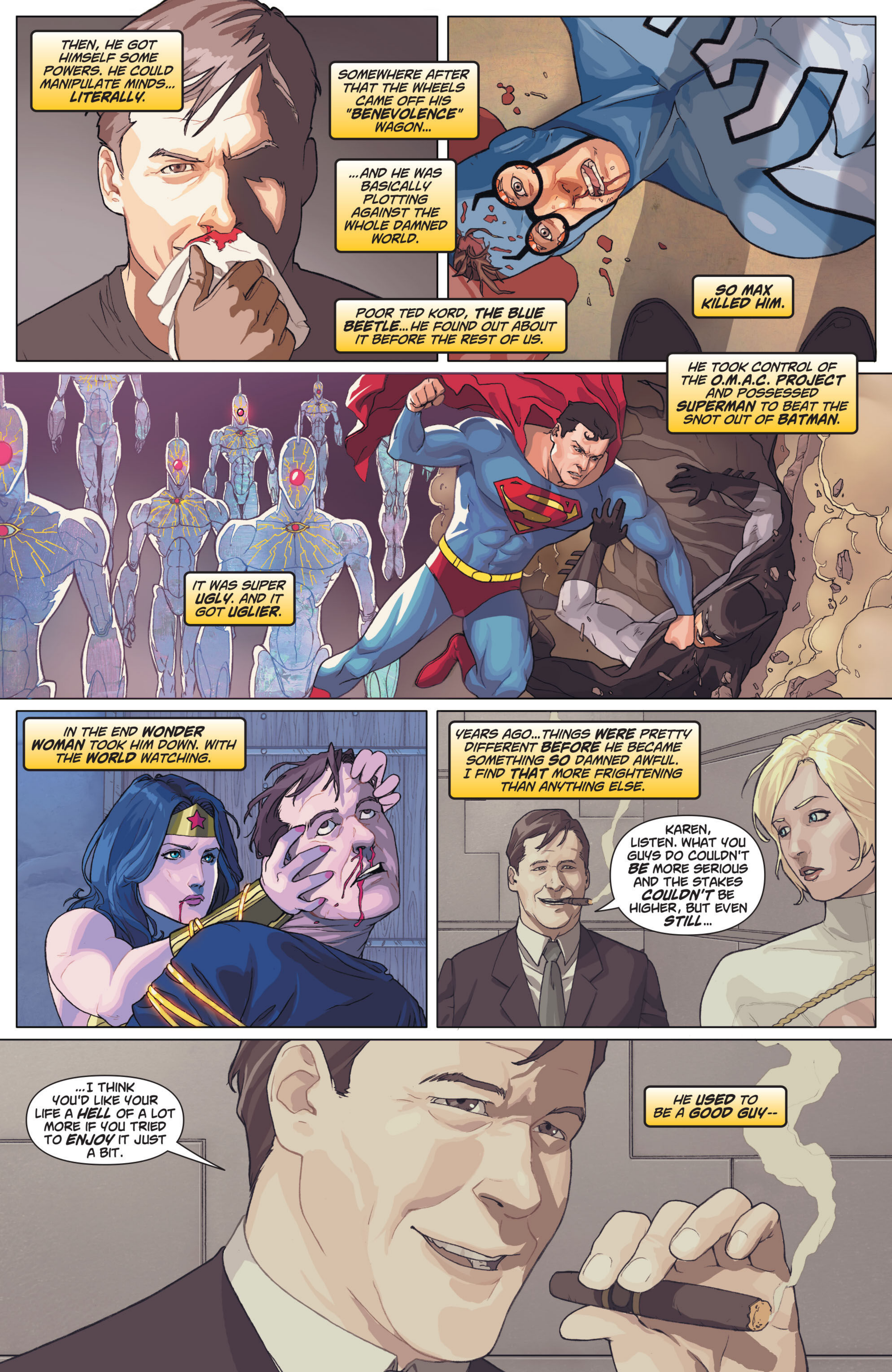
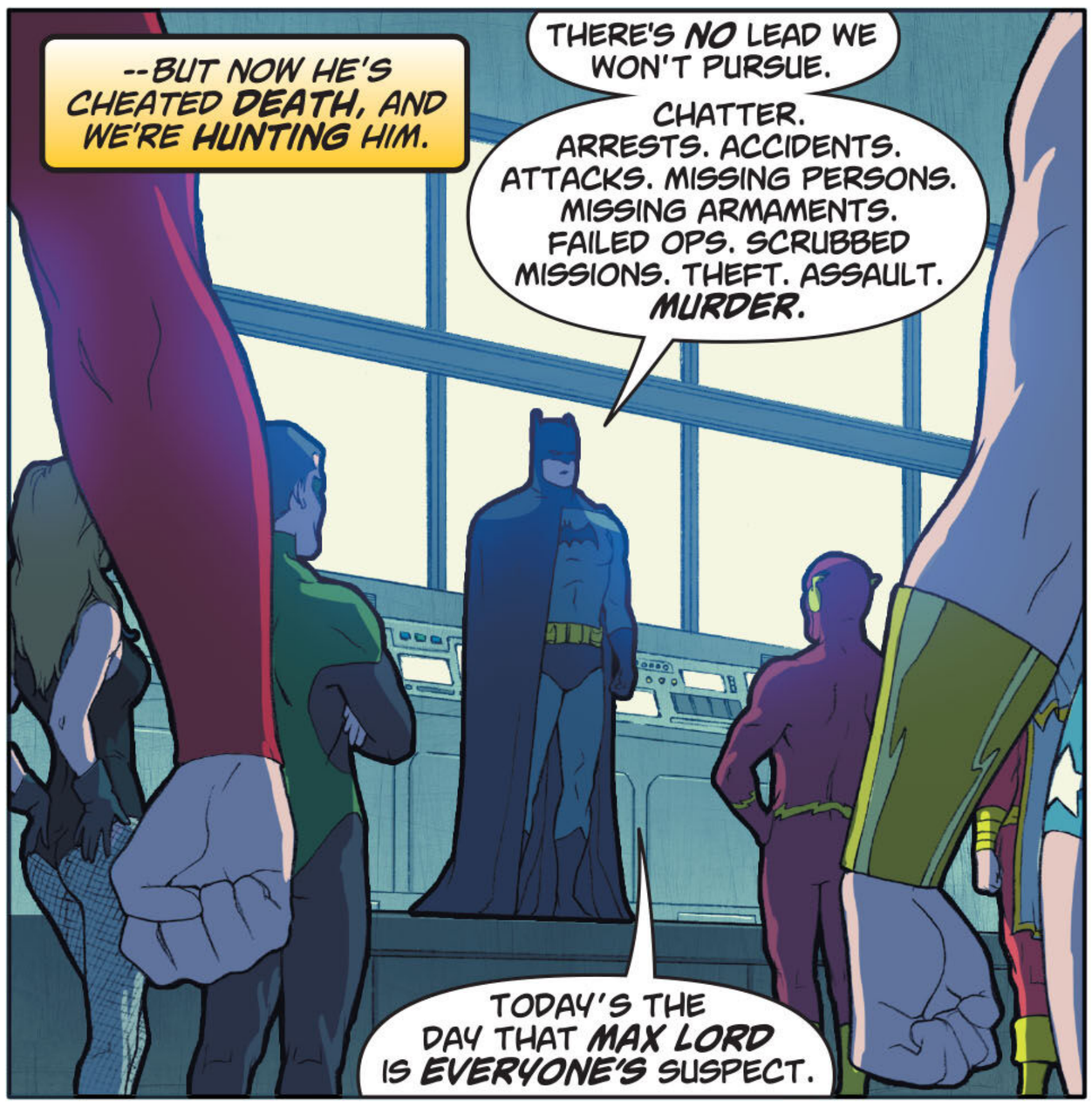
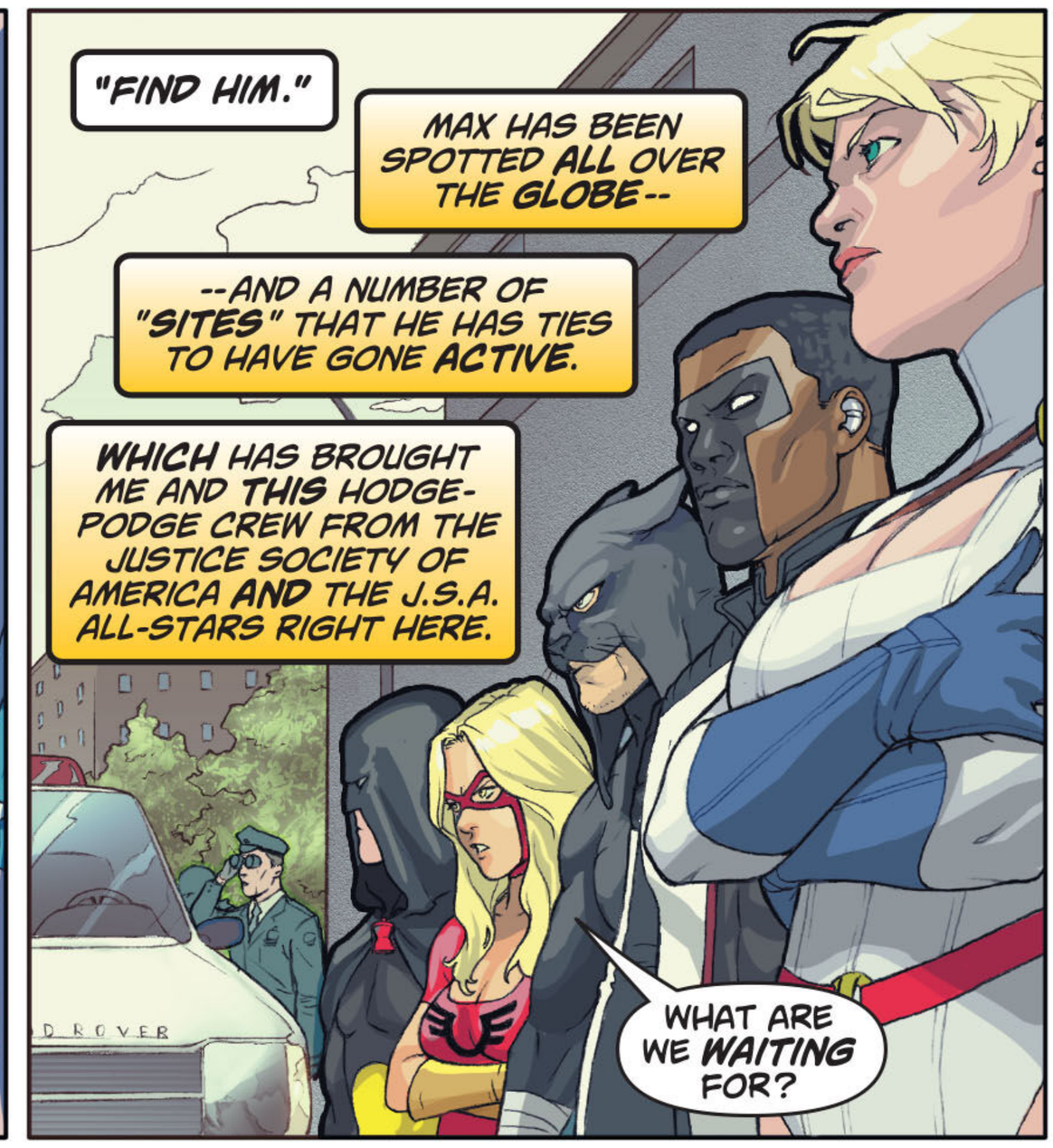



THEN, HE GOT HIMSELF SOME POWERS. HE COULD MANIPULATE MINDS... LITERALLY.
SOMEWHERE AFTER THAT THE WHEELS CAME OFF HIS "BENEVOLENCE" WAGON...
...AND HE WAS BASICALLY PLOTTING AGAINST THE WHOLE DAMNED WORLD.
POOR TED KORD, THE BLUE BEETLE... HE FOUND OUT ABOUT IT BEFORE THE REST OF US.
SO MAX KILLED HIM.
HE TOOK CONTROL OF THE O.M.A.C. PROJECT AND POSSESSED SUPERMAN TO BEAT THE SNOT OUT OF BATMAN.
IT WAS SUPER UGLY. AND IT GOT UGLIER.
IN THE END WONDER WOMAN TOOK HIM DOWN. WITH THE WORLD WATCHING.
YEARS AGO... THINGS WERE PRETTY DIFFERENT BEFORE HE BECAME SOMETHING SO DAMNED AWFUL. I FIND THAT MORE FRIGHTENING THAN ANYTHING ELSE.
KAREN, LISTEN. WHAT YOU GUYS DO COULDN'T BE MORE SERIOUS AND THE STAKES COULDN'T BE HIGHER, BUT EVEN STILL...
...I THINK YOU'D LIKE YOUR LIFE A HELL OF A LOT MORE IF YOU TRIED TO ENJOY IT JUST A BIT.
HE USED TO BE A GOOD GUY--



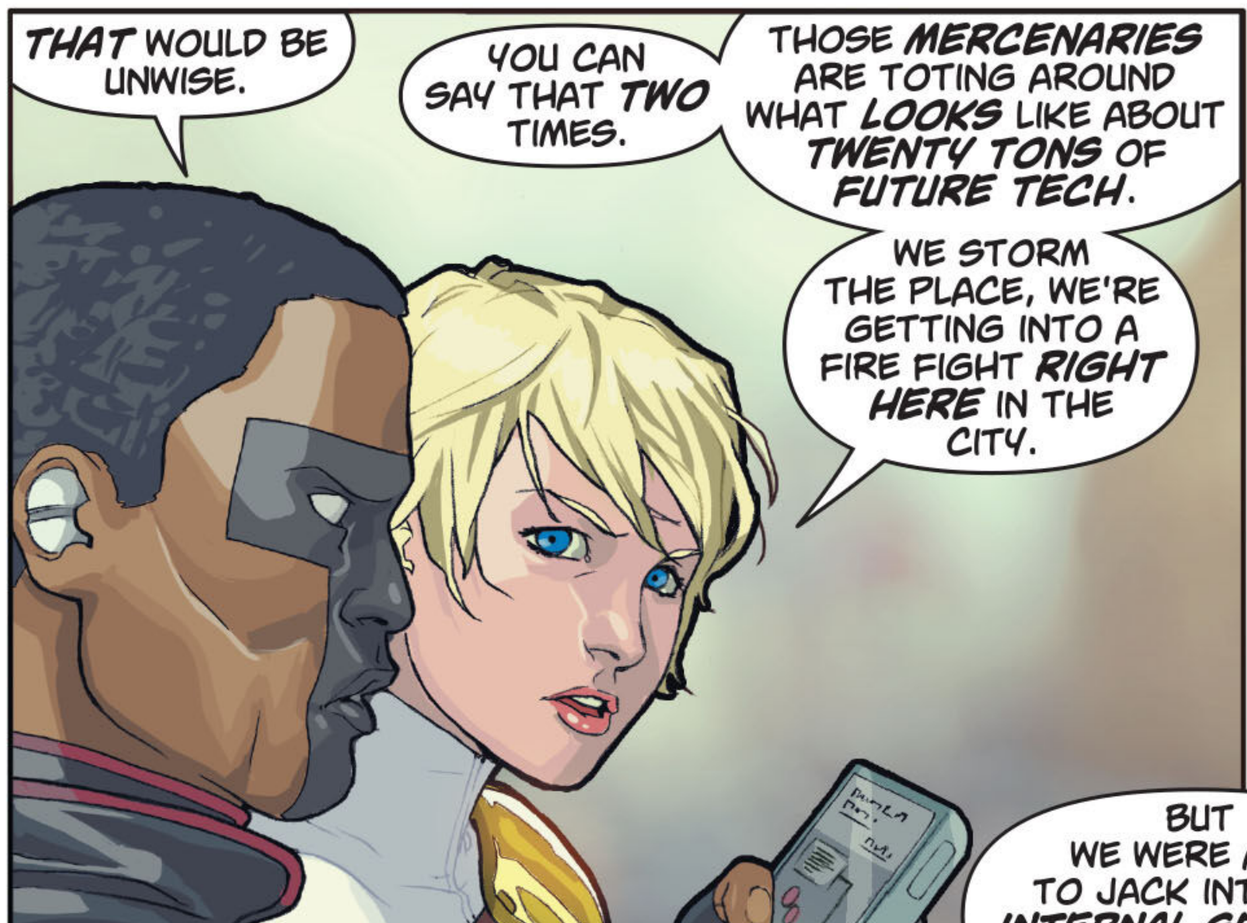


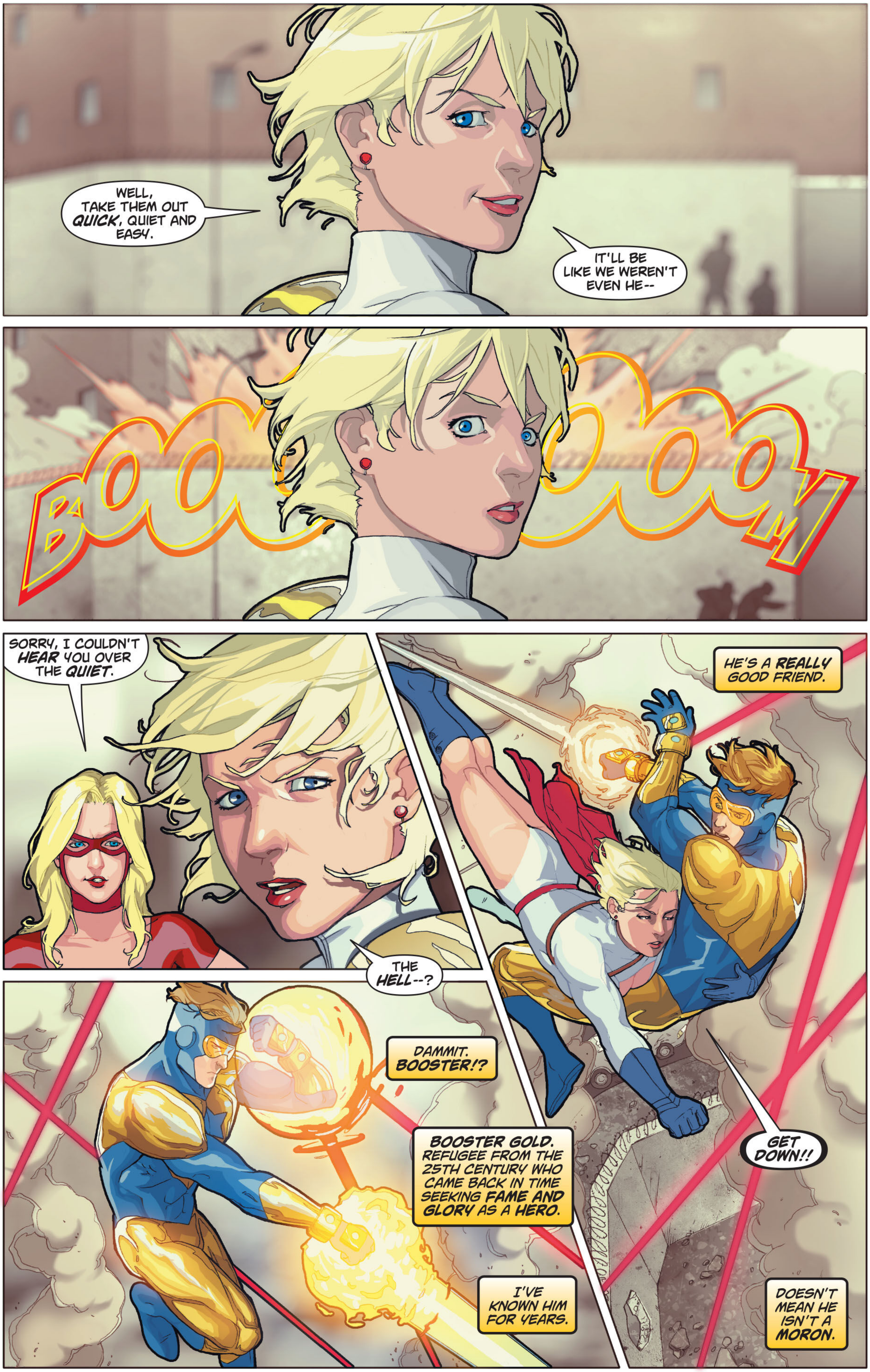
MOSCOW.

JUSTICE LEAGUE INTERNATIONAL EMBASSY. DECOMMISSIONED.

WE'RE ON A GLOBAL MANHUNT, I REALLY DON'T THINK PLAYING IT CONSERVATIVE IS SUCH A HOT IDEA.

I'M WITH JESSE. IF MAX LORD IS IN THERE OR HAS ANYTHING TO DO WITH THESE MEAT-HEADS, WE SHOULD BE INSIDE.



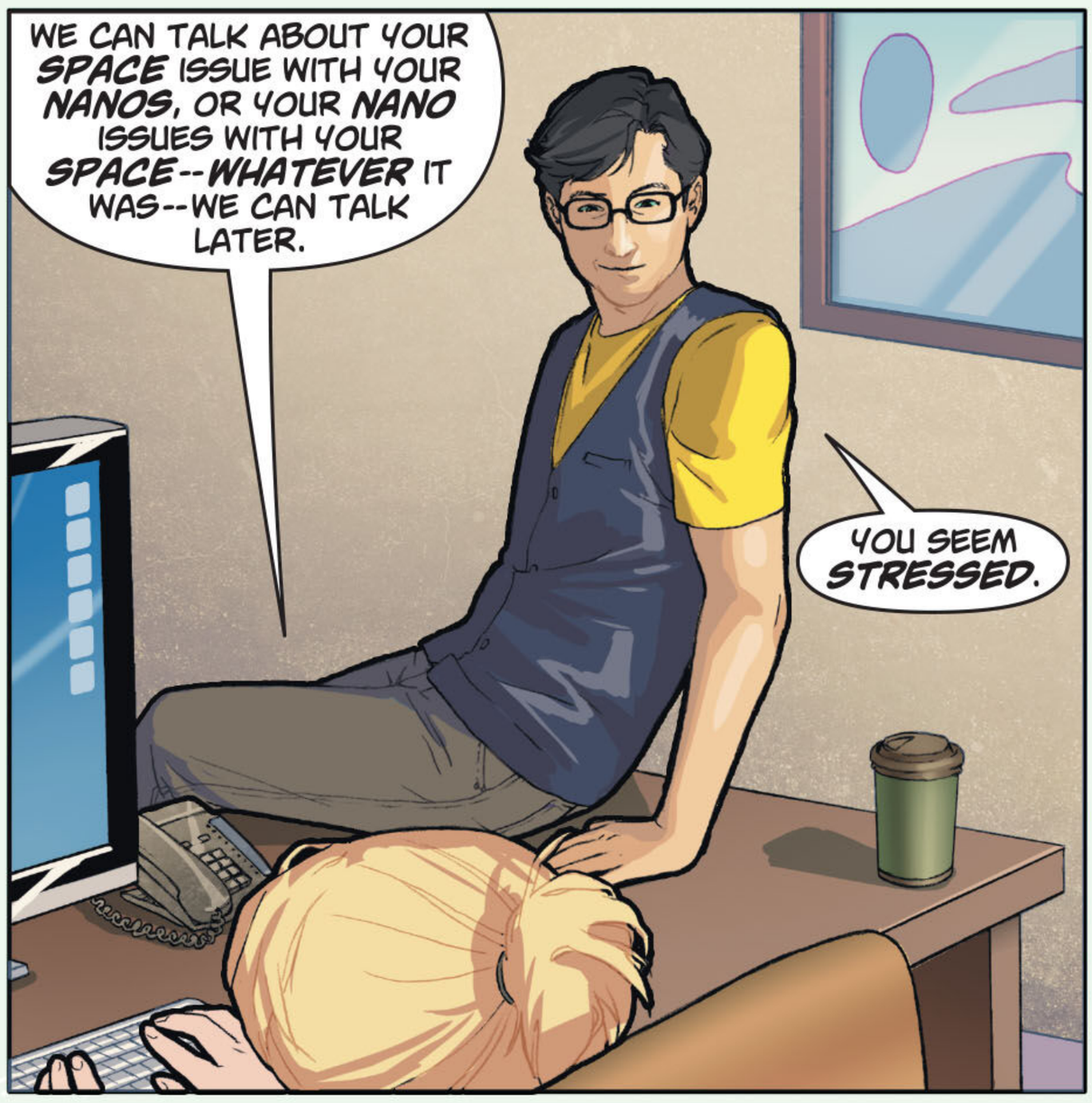

WELL, TAKE THEM OUT QUICK, QUIET AND EASY.
IT'LL BE LIKE WE WEREN'T EVEN HE--
BOOOOOM
SORRY, I COULDN'T HEAR YOU OVER THE QUIET.
HE'S A REALLY GOOD FRIEND.
THE HELL--?
DAMMIT. BOOSTER!?
BOOSTER GOLD. REFUGEE FROM THE 25TH CENTURY WHO CAME BACK IN TIME SEEKING FAME AND GLORY AS A HERO.
GET DOWN!!
I'VE KNOWN HIM FOR YEARS.
DOESN'T MEAN HE ISN'T A MORON.

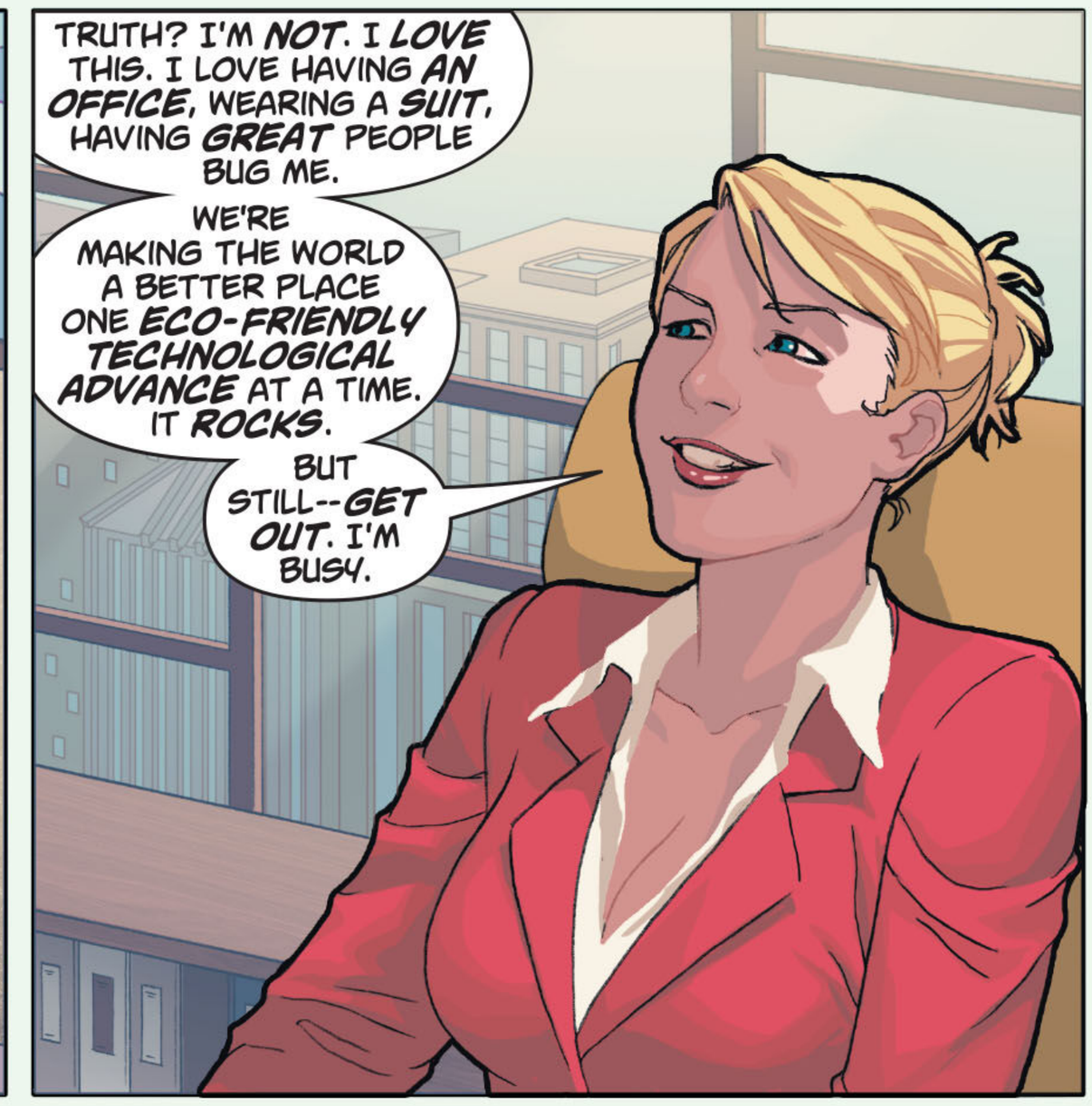
NEW YORK CITY.
STARRWARE INDUSTRIES.
THIS MORNING. SIX HOURS AGO.
--BUT IF WE DON'T GET THE CLEARANCE FROM THE E.P.A., THEN, WELL, EVERY EXPERIMENT IN SECTOR D IS ILLEGAL!
I SAID, I'D LOOK AT IT, BUT WE--
HAVE TO, GET A MAINTENANCE STAFF THAT IS BETTER EDUCATED IN LAB WORK. AN OUTSIDE--
I KNOW, WE'RE INTERVIEWING COMPANIES RIGHT NOW WHO HAVE--
THE POWER SURGES HAVE NOW LEAPT FLOORS. MEANING, OTHER TENANTS ARE EXPERIENCING BROWN-OUTS BECAUSE WE--

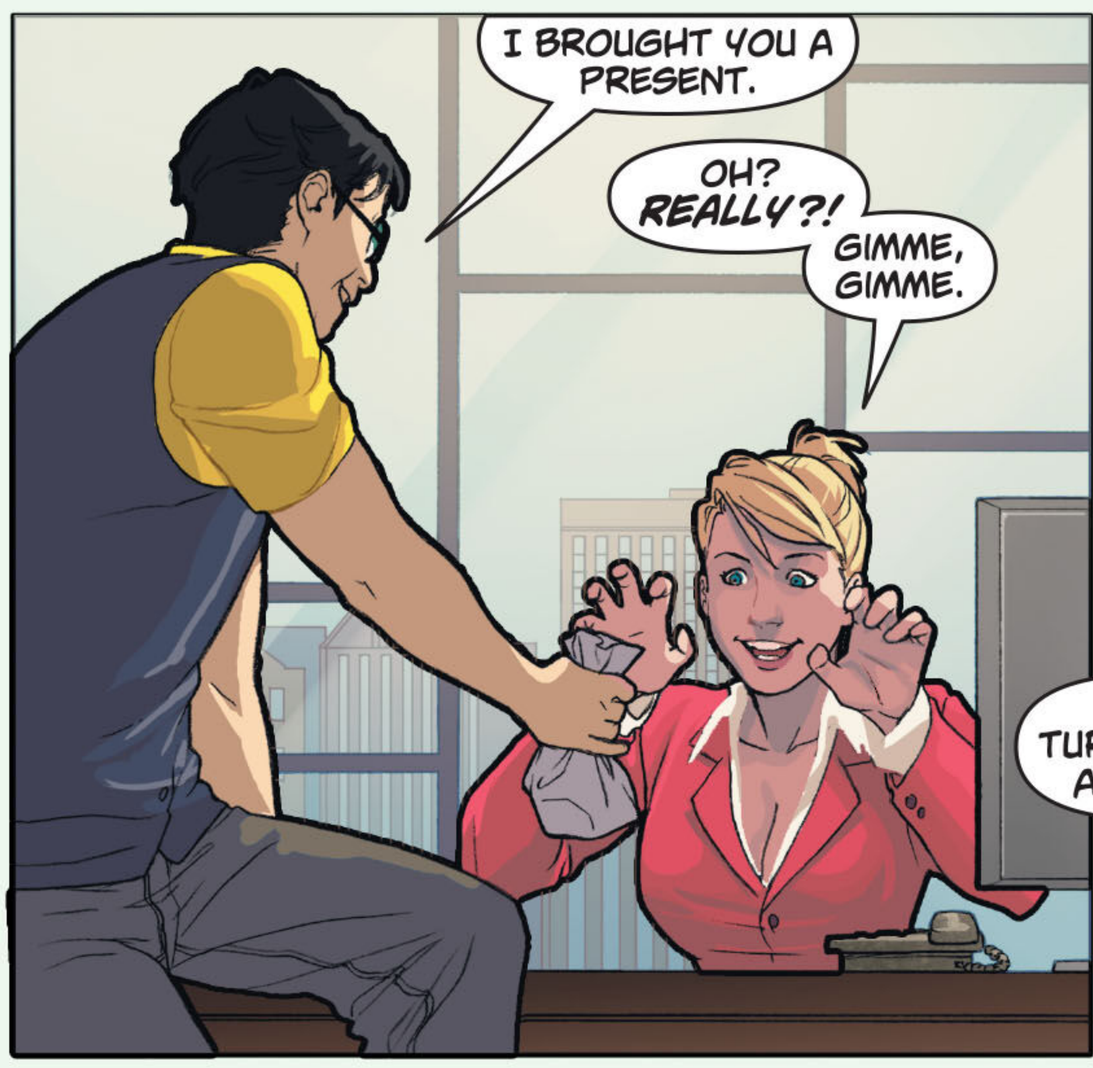
ENOUGH!!
GOD!! CAN I JUST SIT MY BUTT DOWN--IN MY CHAIR--AT MY DESK--FOR FIVE MINUTES--AND THEN BEGIN ADDRESSING EVERY FIRE IN THE NORTHERN HEMISPHERE?!
SOME OF THIS COULD BE HANDLED BY EMAIL, Y'KNOW.

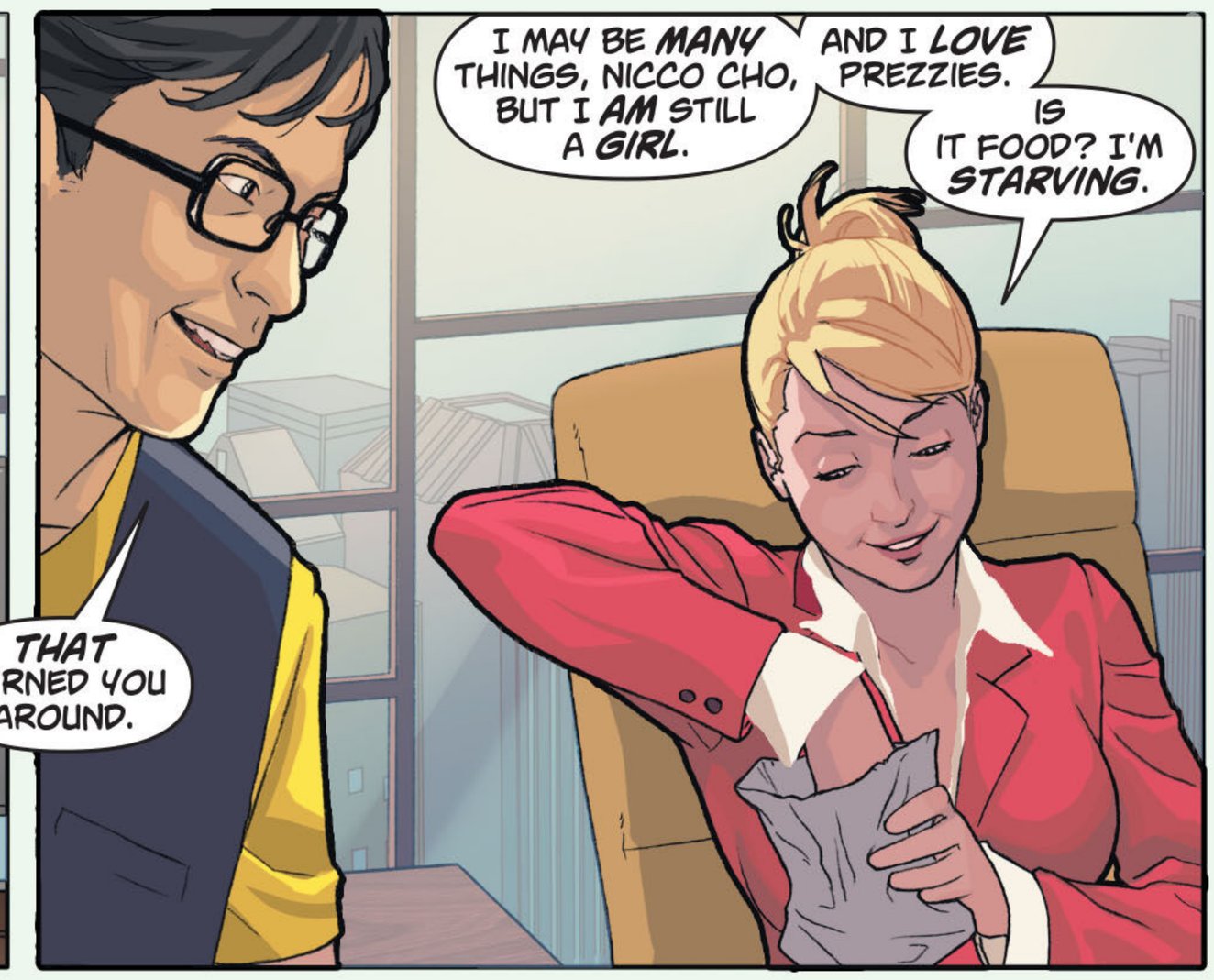
YOU DON'T ANSWER YOUR EMAIL.
WELL, MAYBE THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT I'D LIKE TO DO RIGHT NOW.
KAREN GETS FIVE MINUTES, ALL ALONE-BY-MY-BAD-SELF.
OUT.

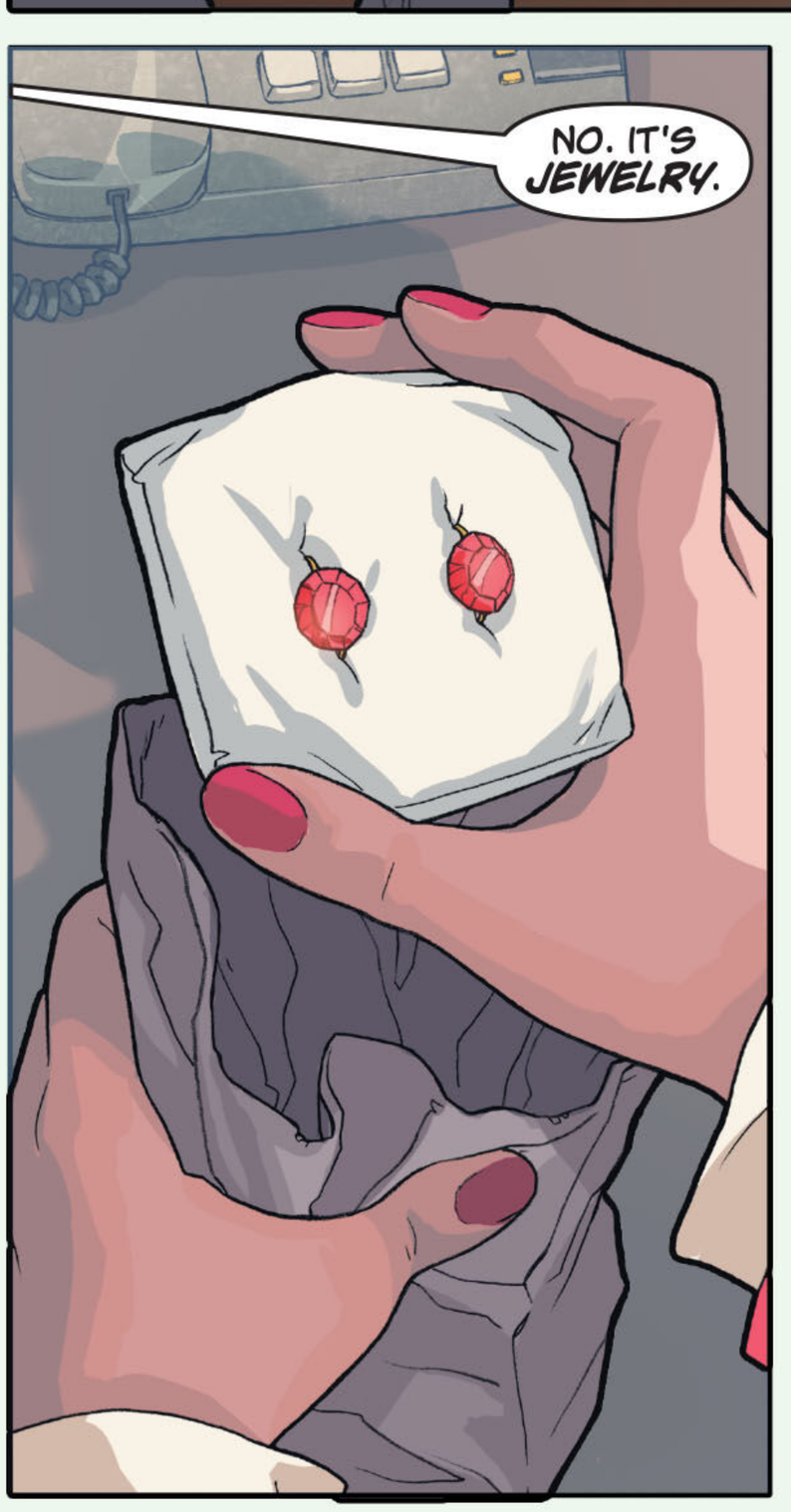
HEY.
WHOA. NICHOLAS, YOU BEEN STANDING HERE THE WHOLE TIME?
YEAH. I SORT OF DRIFTED IN WITH THE TIDE.
VERY RESOURCEFUL. BUT GET OUT.


WE CAN TALK ABOUT YOUR SPACE ISSUE WITH YOUR NANOS, OR YOUR NANO ISSUES WITH YOUR SPACE--WHATEVER IT WAS--WE CAN TALK LATER.
YOU SEEM STRESSED.


TRUTH? I'M NOT. I LOVE THIS. I LOVE HAVING AN OFFICE, WEARING A SUIT, HAVING GREAT PEOPLE BUG ME.
WE'RE MAKING THE WORLD A BETTER PLACE ONE ECO-FRIENDLY TECHNOLOGICAL ADVANCE AT A TIME. IT ROCKS.
BUT STILL--GET OUT. I'M BUSY.


I BROUGHT YOU A PRESENT.
OH? REALLY?!
GIMME, GIMME.

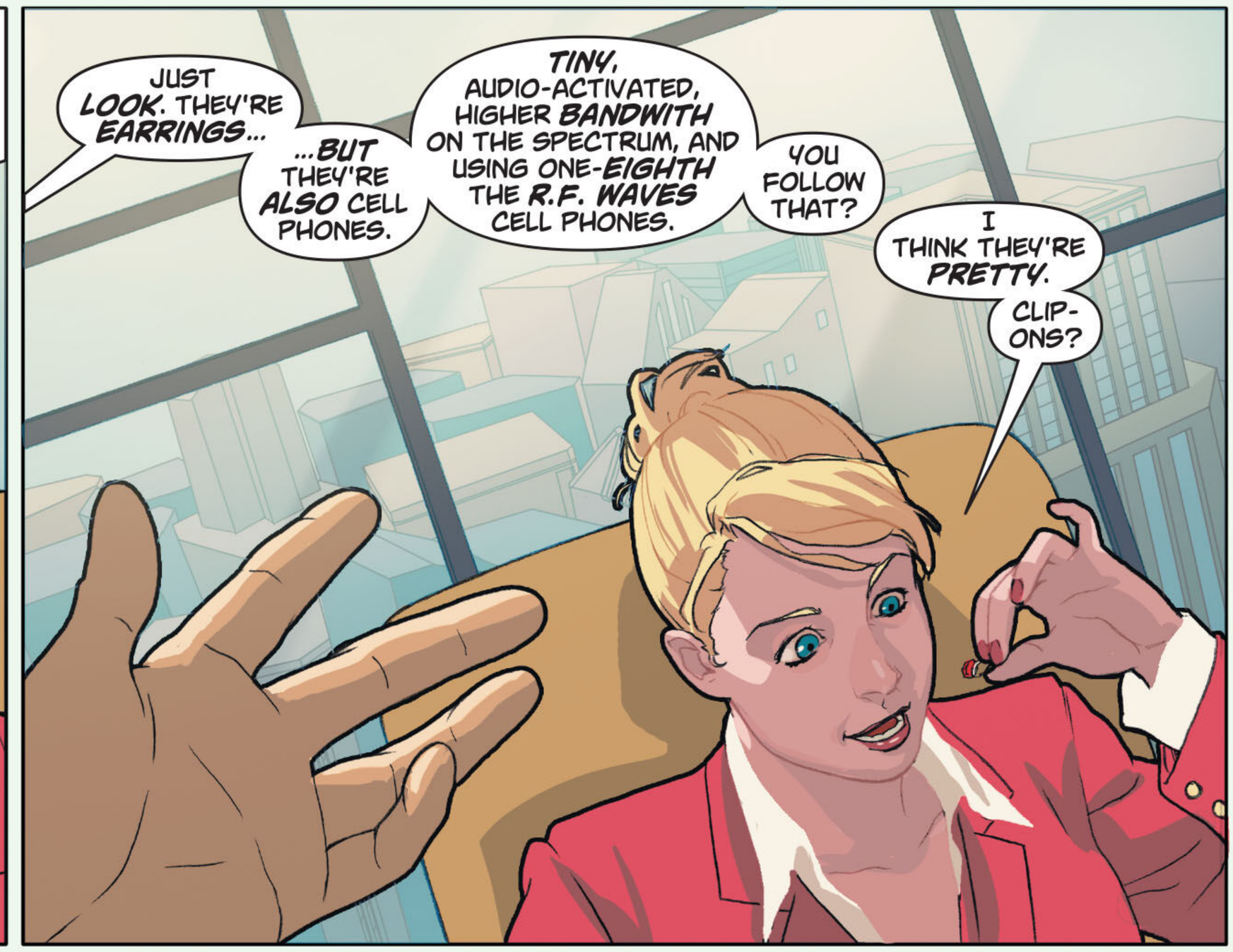

THAT TURNED YOU AROUND.
I MAY BE MANY THINGS, NICCO CHO, BUT I AM STILL A GIRL.
AND I LOVE PREZZIES.
IS IT FOOD? I'M STARVING.


NO. IT'S JEWELRY.

NICCO...
OH, LOOK, THIS IS--
YOU'RE A NICE GUY, BUT I'M YOUR BOSS. I APPRECIATE--

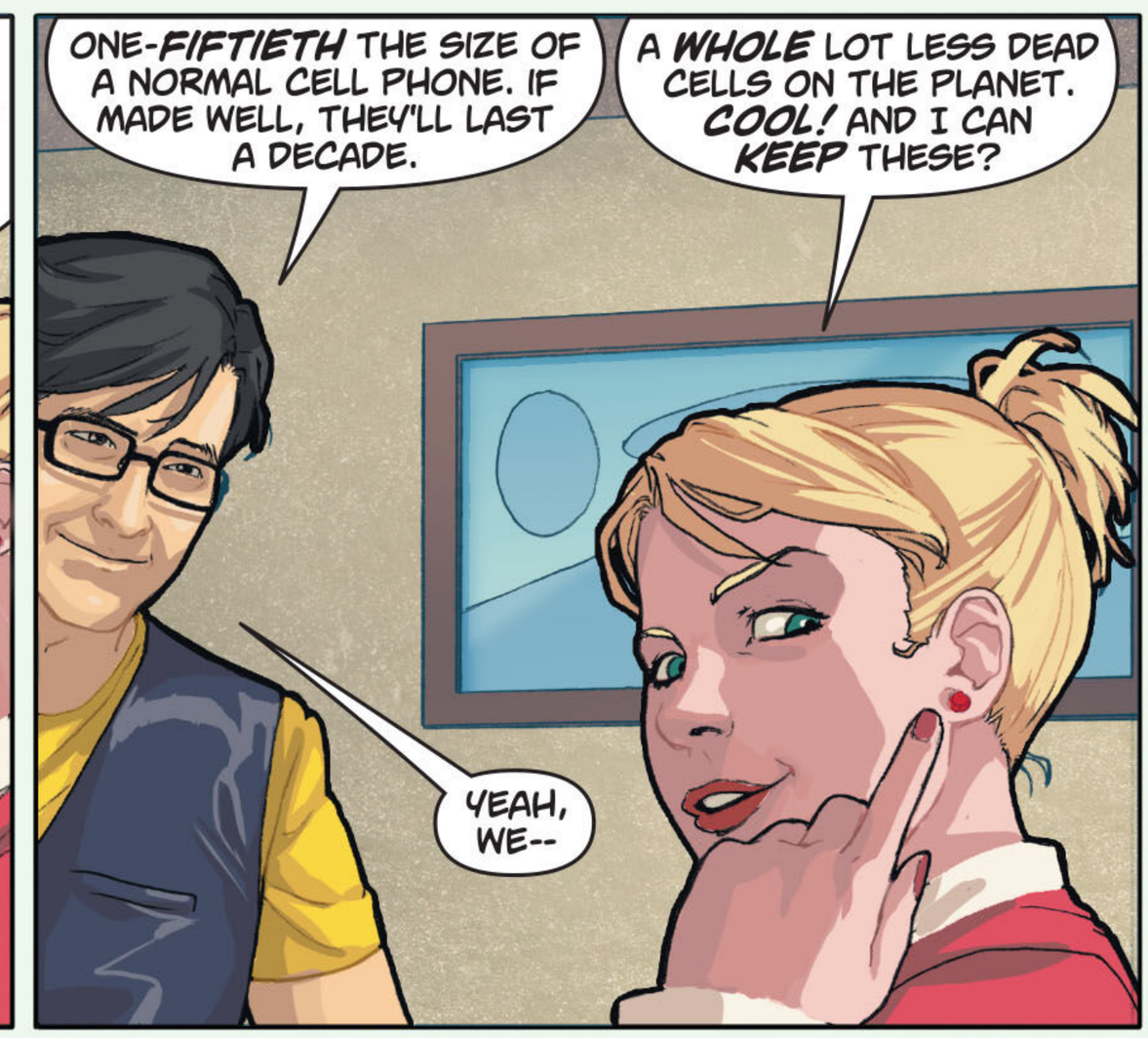
OH!
NO. NO, NO, NO. IT'S NOT--NO!
I AM SO NOT HITTING ON YOU.
NEVER.
NO.

OKAY, COWBOY, DIAL IT DOWN.
YOU DON'T HAVE TO GET ALL APOPLECTIC IN THE DENIAL.
YOU COULD DO A HELL OF LOT WORSE THAN ME, THOUGH, MISTER.

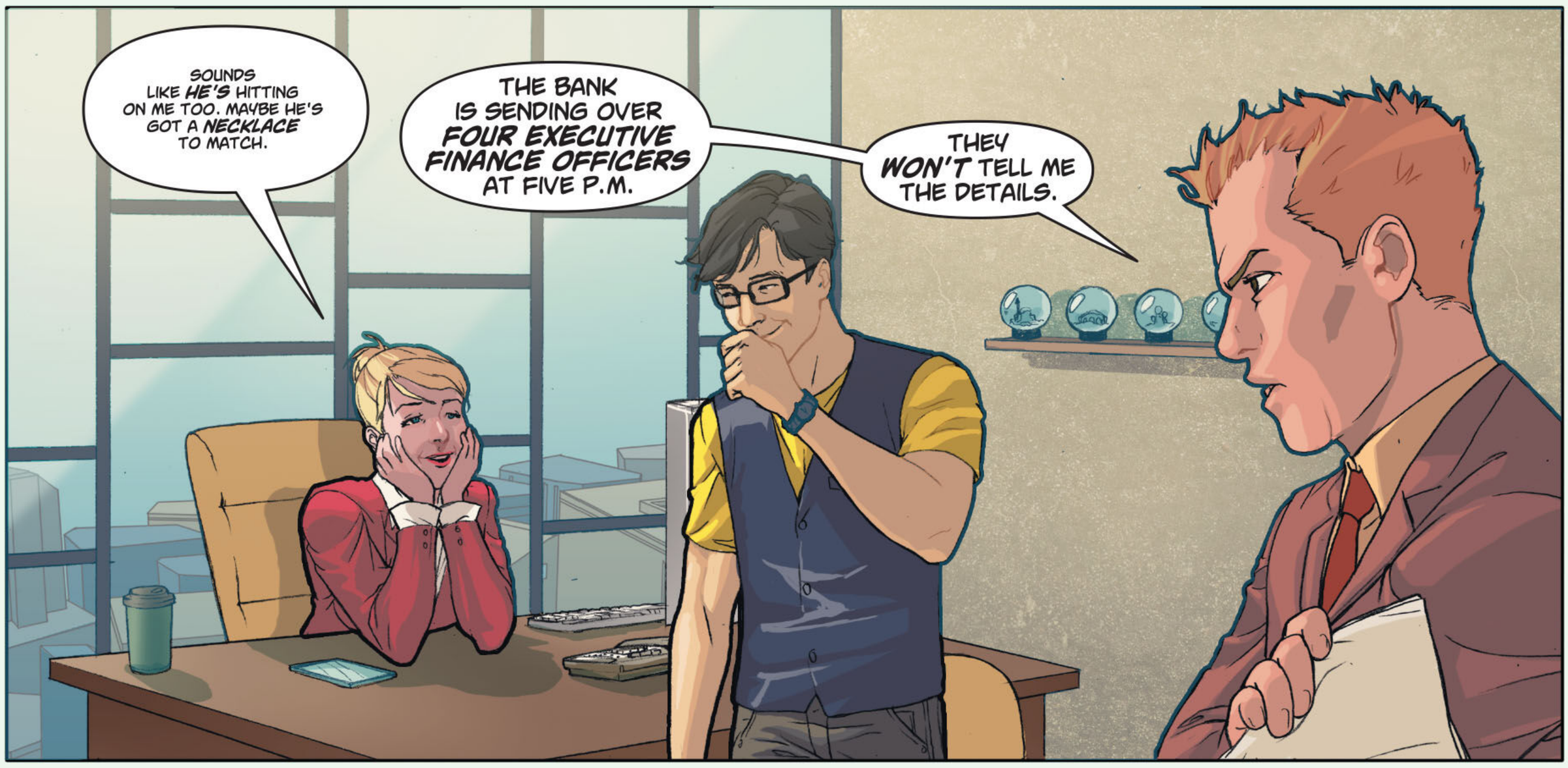

JUST LOOK. THEY'RE EARRINGS...
...BUT THEY'RE ALSO CELL PHONES.
TINY, AUDIO-ACTIVATED, HIGHER BANDWITH ON THE SPECTRUM, AND USING ONE-EIGHTH THE R.F. WAVES CELL PHONES.
YOU FOLLOW THAT?
I THINK THEY'RE PRETTY.
CLIP-ONS?

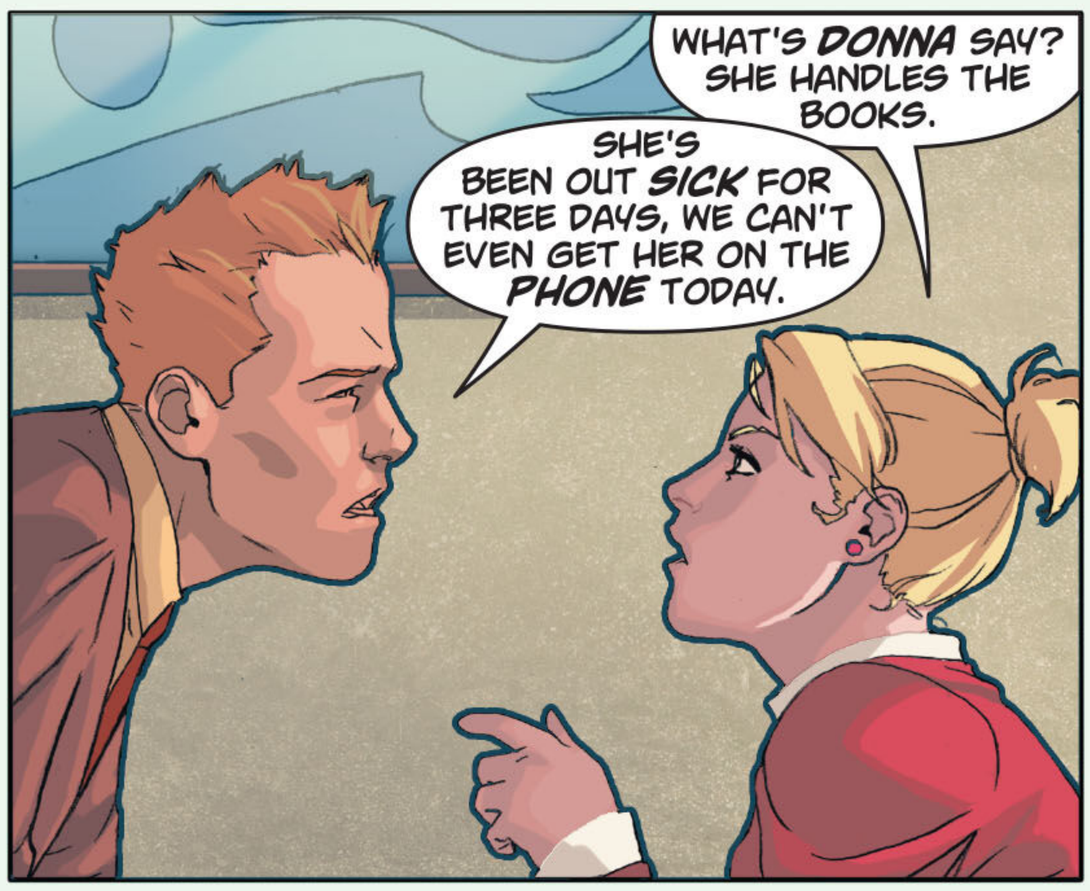
I NOTICED YOUR EARS AREN'T PIERCED.
NO. THAT'D TAKE A BIT OF WORK.
SORRY?
NOTHING, NOTHING.
SO... THESE YOUR WAY OF SUCKING UP?

HELL NO. IT'S BUSINESS.
I'VE BEEN KICKING AROUND THE SPECS FOR AWHILE, BUT I NEED THE FACILITIES TO GET 'EM MADE.
THIS IS MY PROTOTYPE, AND I THINK AS OWNER OF THE COMPANY YOU SHOULD HAVE THE FIRST PAIR.
YOU WANT STARRWARE TO SELL THESE?
CELL PHONES AREN'T EXACTLY IN OUR ECO-FRIENDLY TECH MODEL.

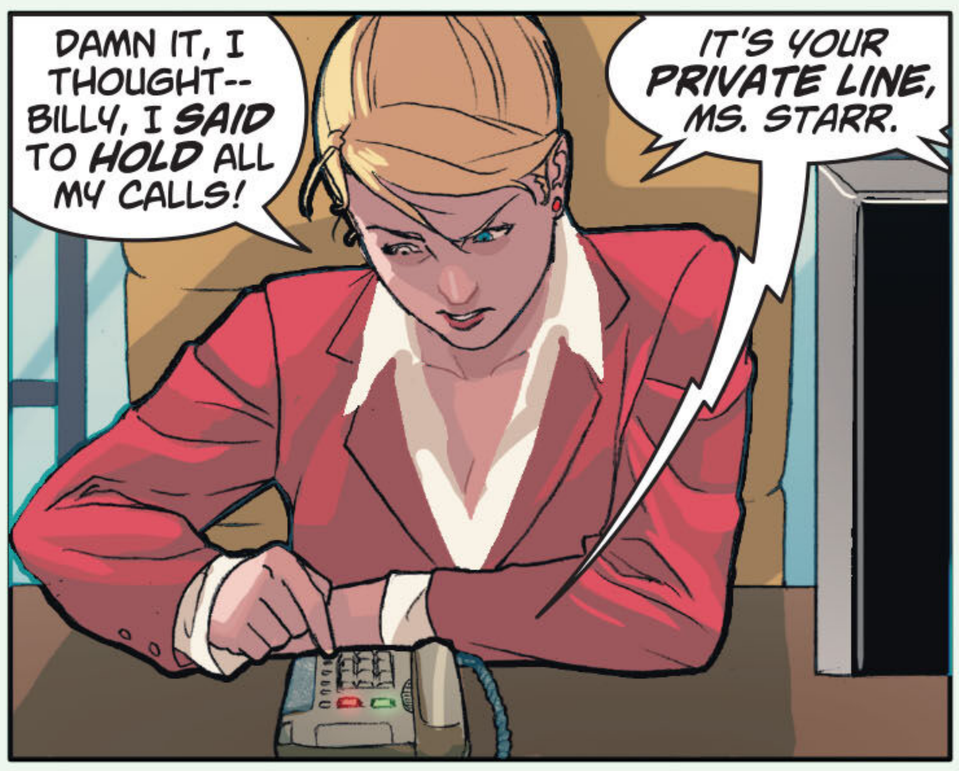

ONE-FIFTIETH THE SIZE OF A NORMAL CELL PHONE. IF MADE WELL, THEY'LL LAST A DECADE.
A WHOLE LOT LESS DEAD CELLS ON THE PLANET. COOL! AND I CAN KEEP THESE?
YEAH, WE--

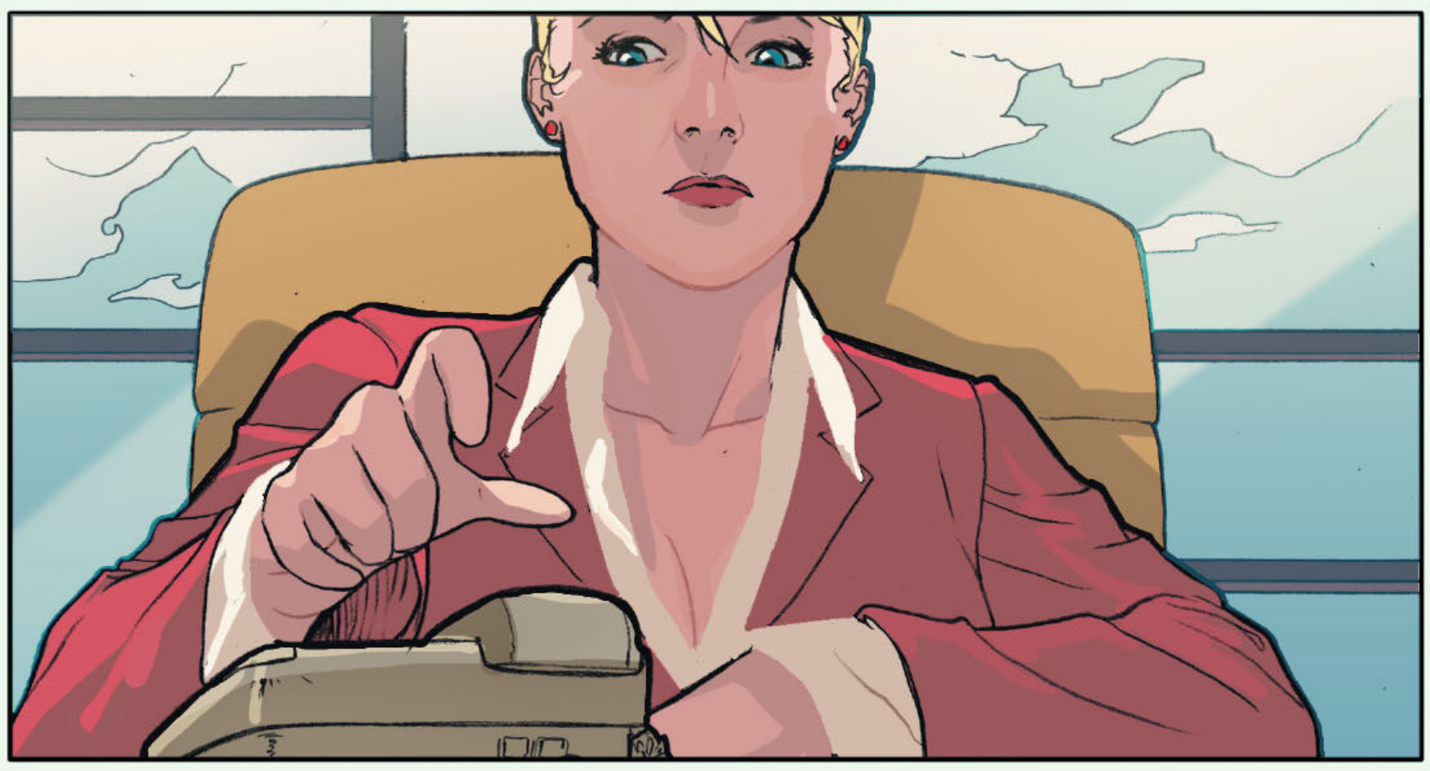
I'M SORRY, KAREN, BUT I NEED YOU.
I NEED YOU NOW.


SOUNDS LIKE HE'S HITTING ON ME TOO. MAYBE HE'S GOT A NECKLACE TO MATCH.
THE BANK IS SENDING OVER FOUR EXECUTIVE FINANCE OFFICERS AT FIVE P.M.
THEY WON'T TELL ME THE DETAILS.


WHAT'S DONNA SAY? SHE HANDLES THE BOOKS.
SHE'S BEEN OUT SICK FOR THREE DAYS, WE CAN'T EVEN GET HER ON THE PHONE TODAY.

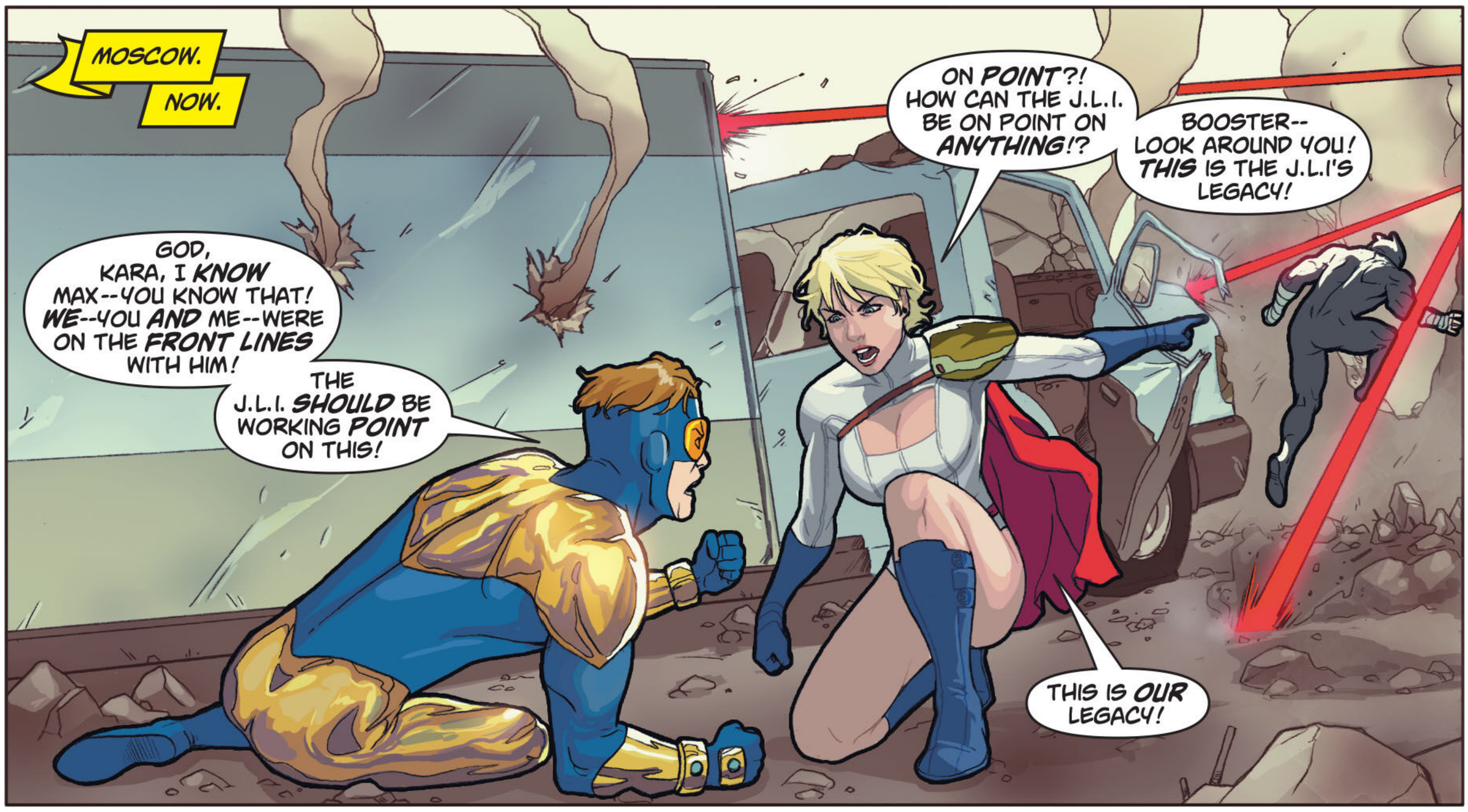
WELL, THE BANK-- WHICH, Y'KNOW, HOLDS ALL OF OUR MONEY--IS PAYING A MYSTERIOUS VISIT.
I WANT MY HEAD OF FINANCE AT LEAST ON THE PHONE.
SEND SOMEONE OVER TO DONNA'S PLACE IF YOU HAVE T--
BREEEEEE

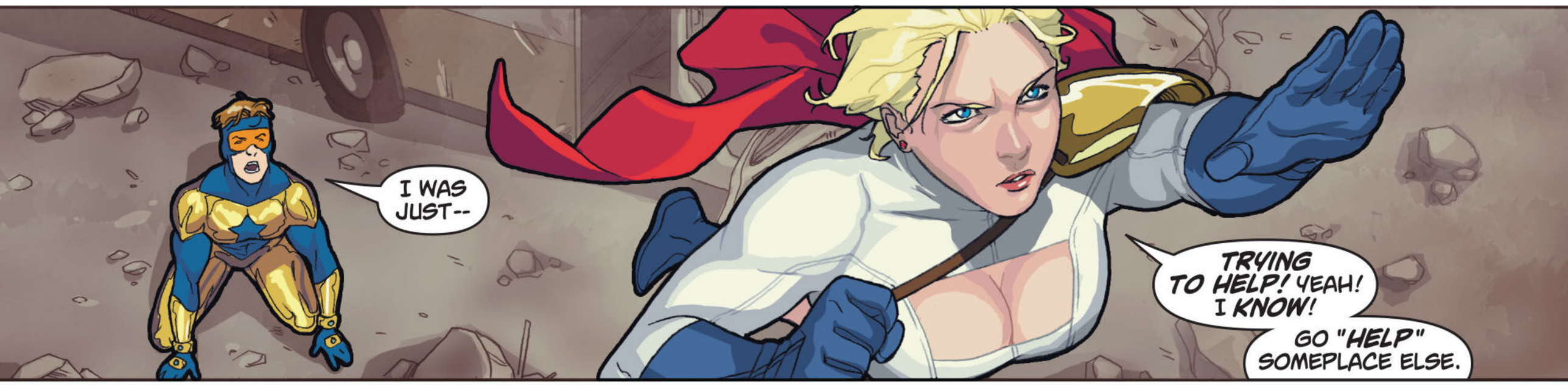

DAMN IT, I THOUGHT-- BILLY, I SAID TO HOLD ALL MY CALLS!
IT'S YOUR PRIVATE LINE, MS. STARR.

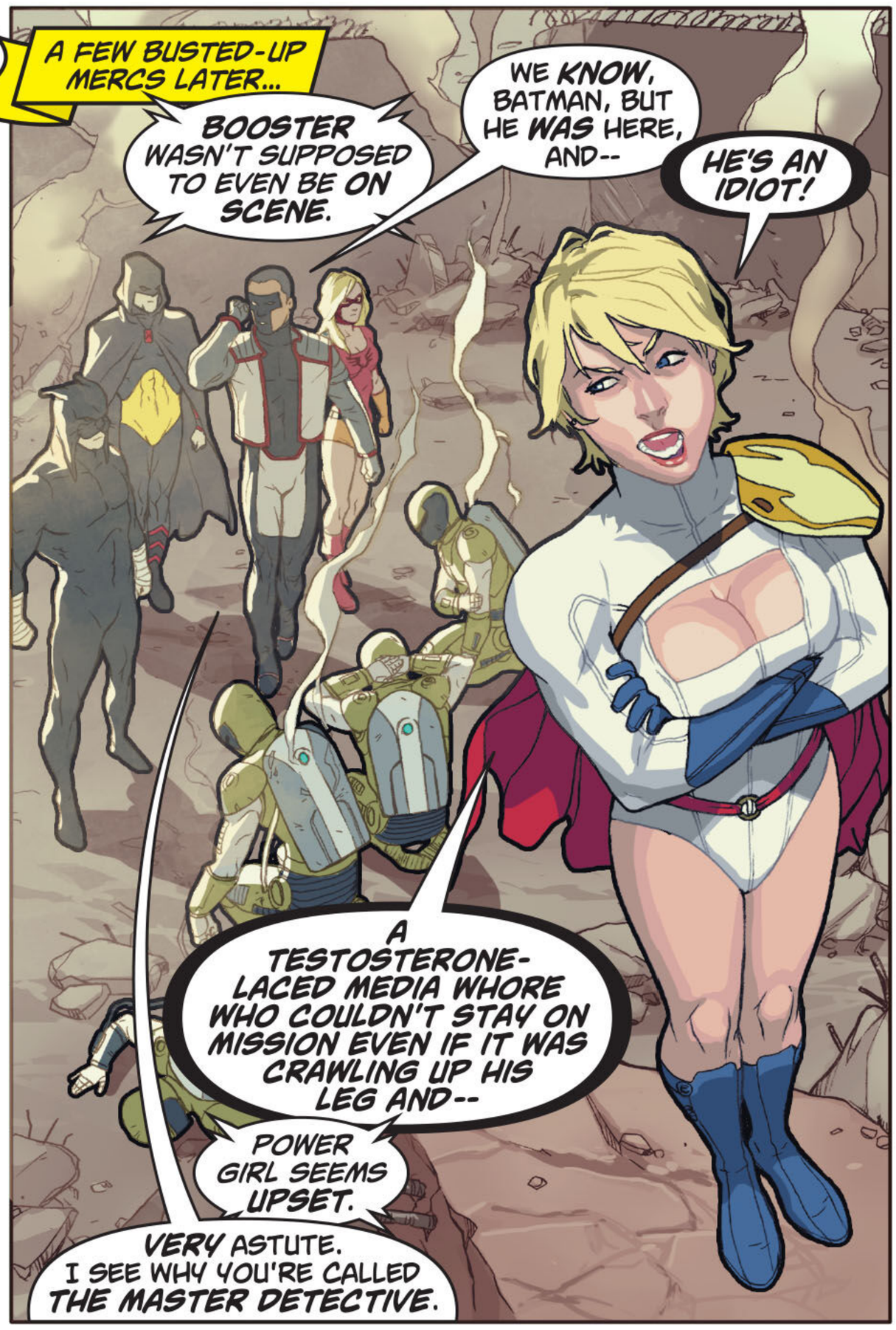


I'M HERE.
I'M ME.

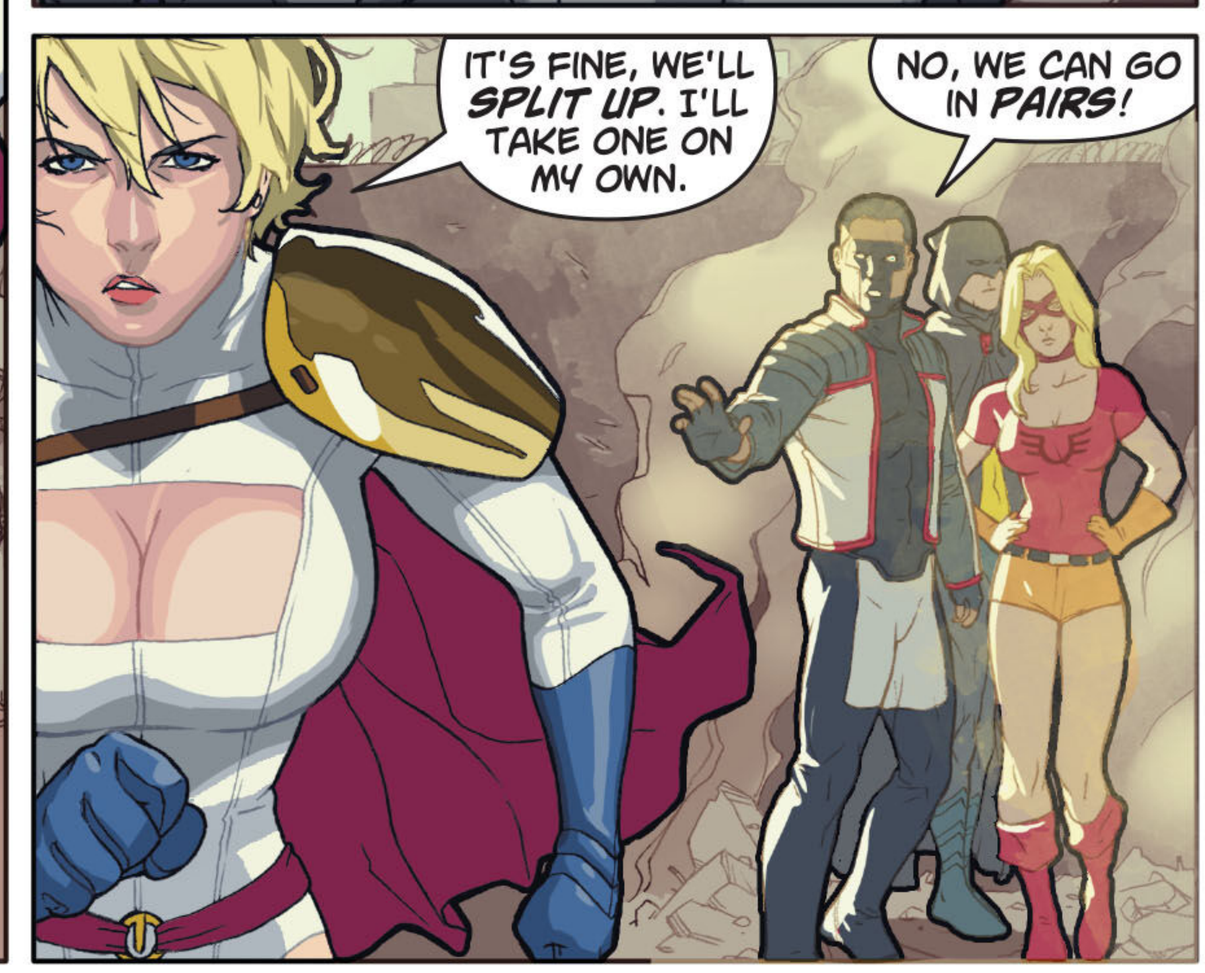
SUPERMAN IS CALLING EVERYONE IN. WE'VE GOT A PROBLEM.
"ARE YOU OUT OF YOUR MIND?!!"


MOSCOW. NOW.
GOD, KARA, I KNOW MAX--YOU KNOW THAT! WE--YOU AND ME--WERE ON THE FRONT LINES WITH HIM!
THE J.L.I. SHOULD BE WORKING POINT ON THIS!
ON POINT?! HOW CAN THE J.L.I. BE ON POINT ON ANYTHING!?
BOOSTER--LOOK AROUND YOU! THIS IS THE J.L.I'S LEGACY!
THIS IS OUR LEGACY!

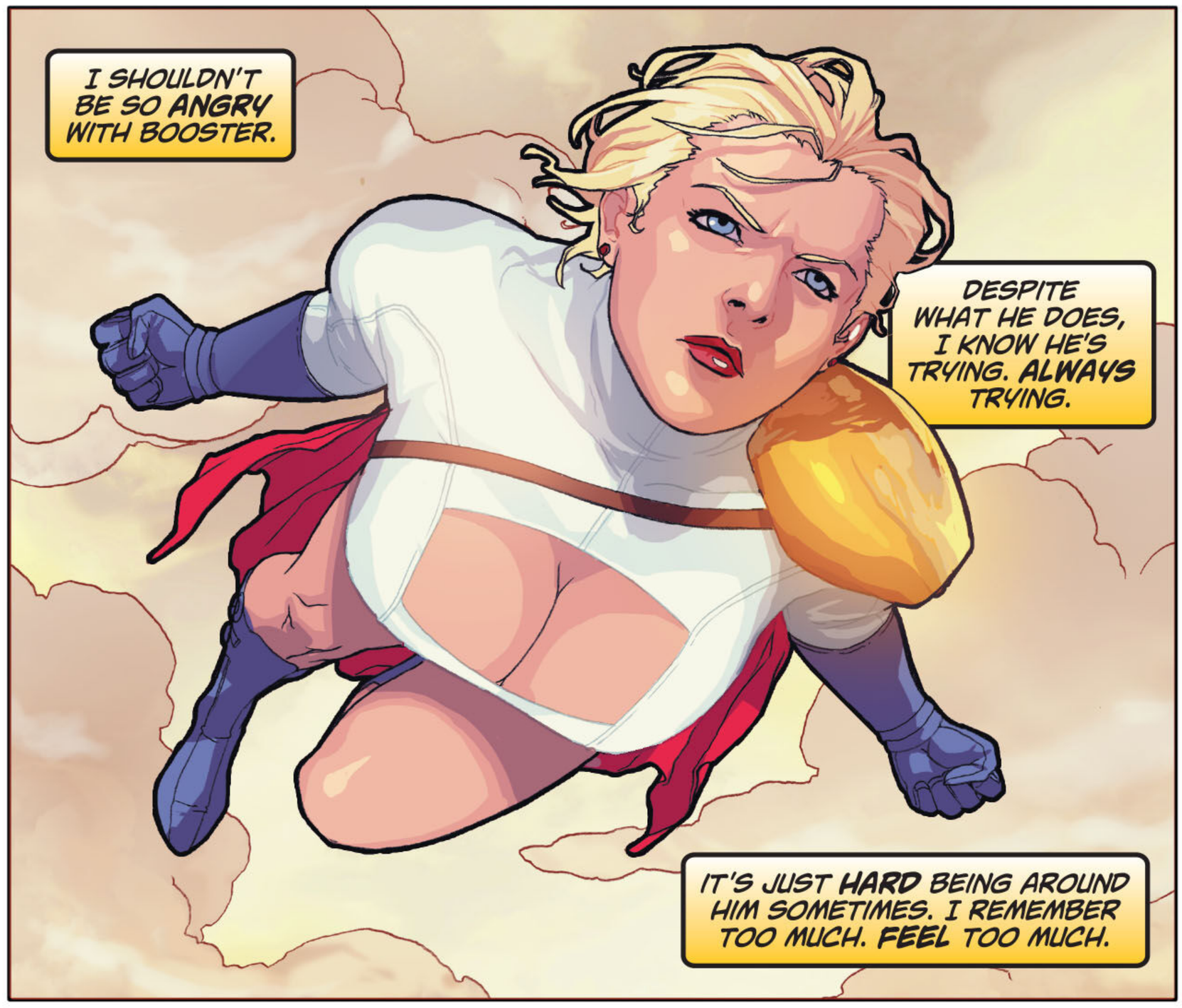

I WAS JUST--
TRYING TO HELP! YEAH! I KNOW!
GO "HELP" SOMEPLACE ELSE.

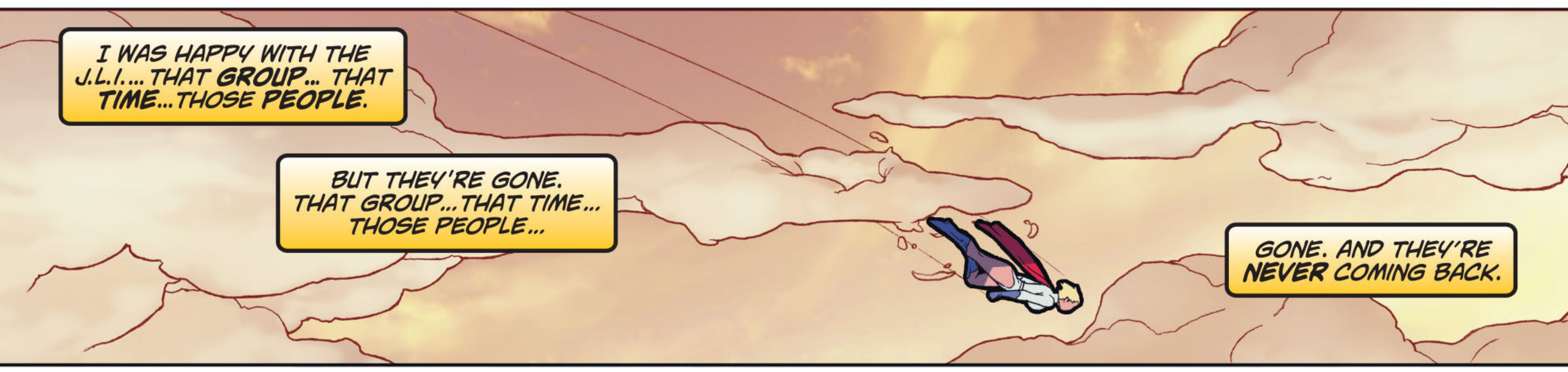

A FEW BUSTED-UP MERCS LATER...
BOOSTER WASN'T SUPPOSED TO EVEN BE ON SCENE.
WE KNOW, BATMAN, BUT HE WAS HERE, AND--
HE'S AN IDIOT!
A TESTOSTERONE-LACED MEDIA WHORE WHO COULDN'T STAY ON MISSION EVEN IF IT WAS CRAWLING UP HIS LEG AND--
POWER GIRL SEEMS UPSET.
VERY ASTUTE. I SEE WHY YOU'RE CALLED THE MASTER DETECTIVE.

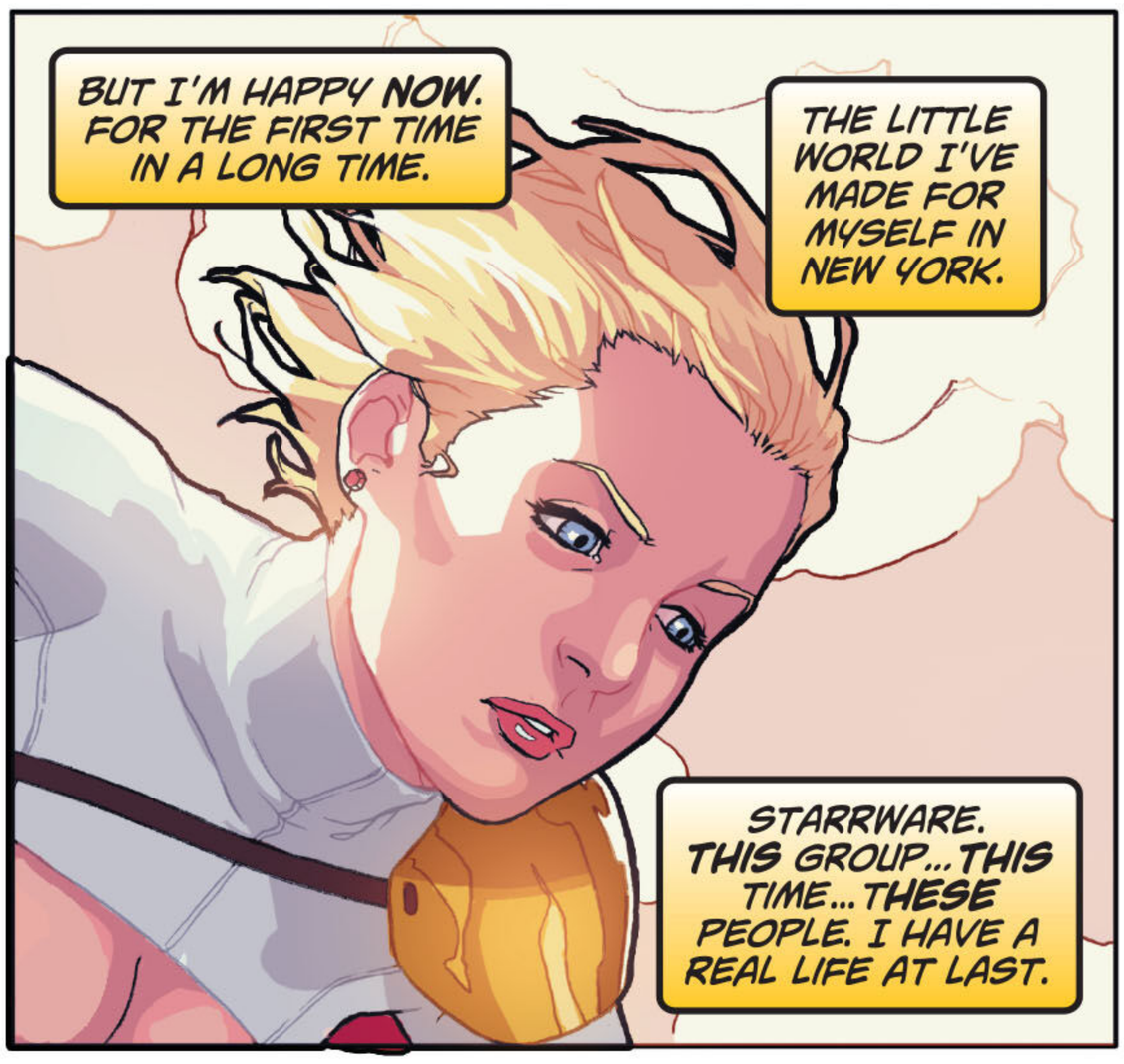
I HAVE TWO MORE LEADS I NEED YOU ON NOW, BUT THE LOCATIONS HAVE SOME DISTANCE BETWEEN THEM.

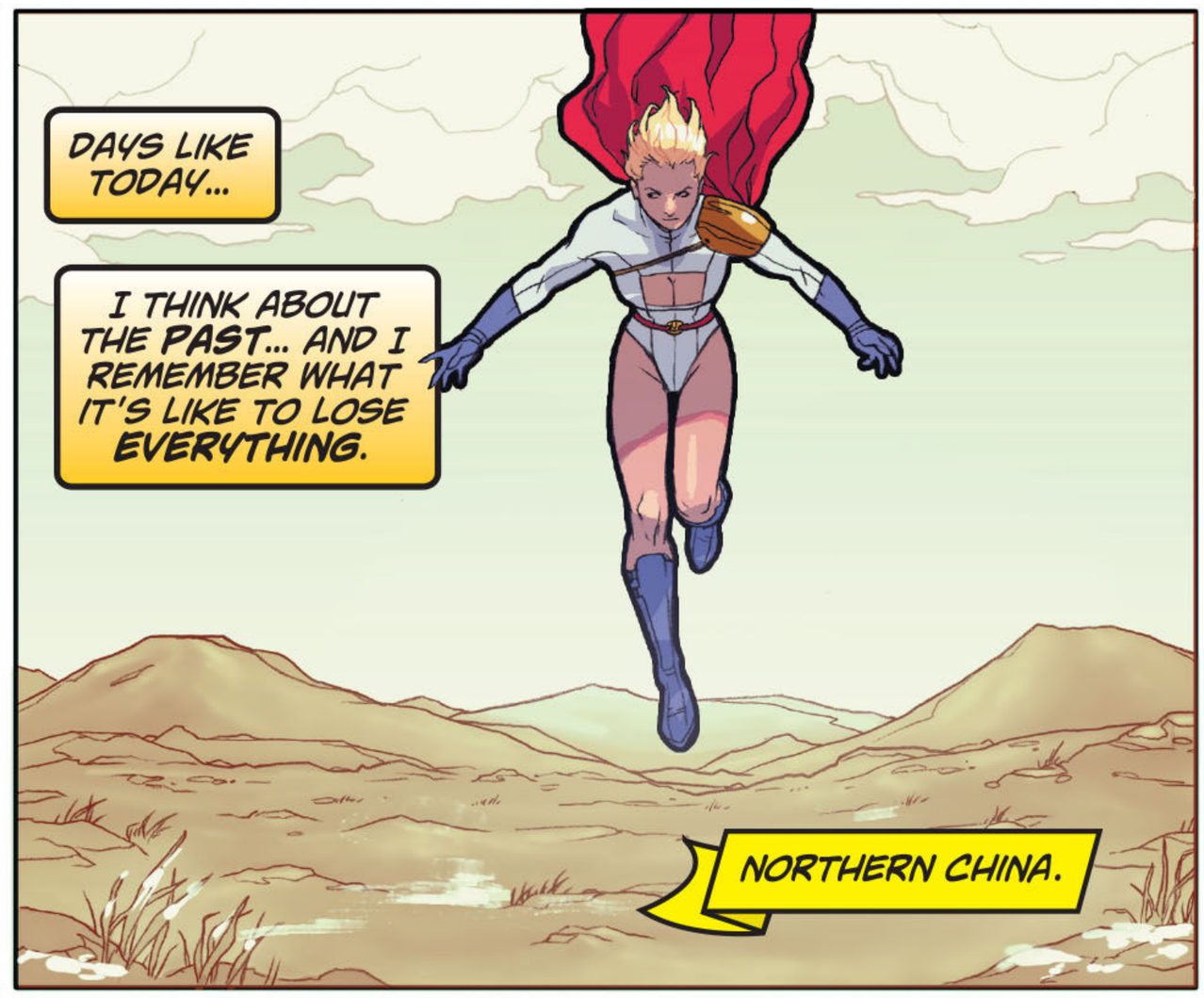

IT'S FINE, WE'LL SPLIT UP. I'LL TAKE ONE ON MY OWN.
NO, WE CAN GO IN PAIRS!

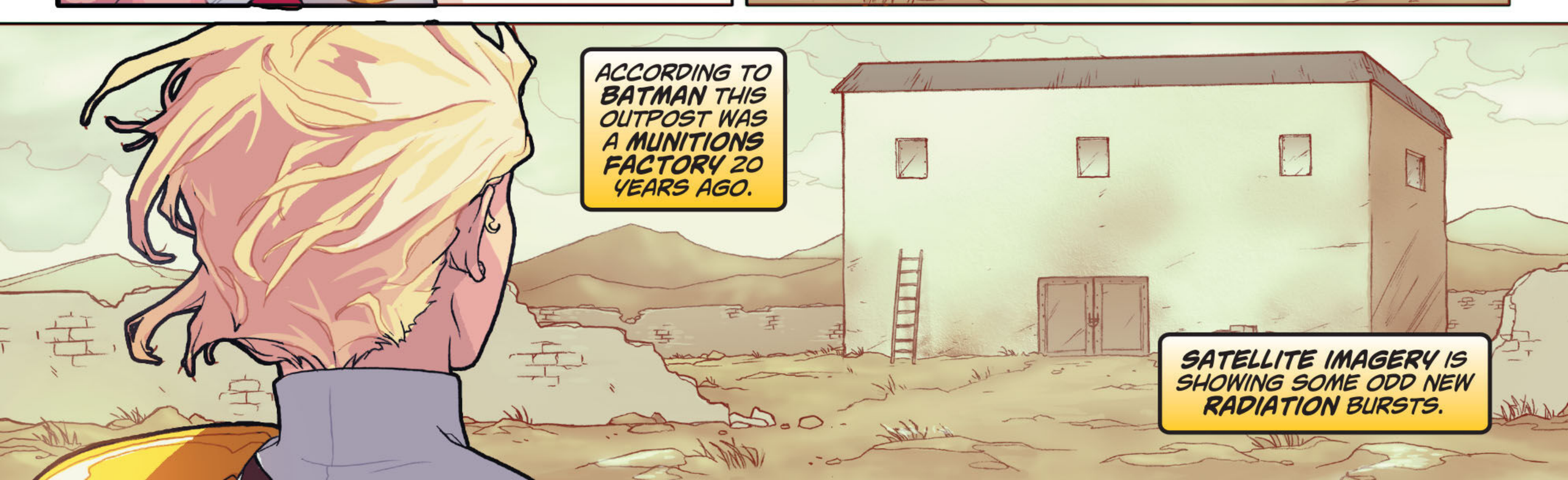
I'LL GO ALONE.

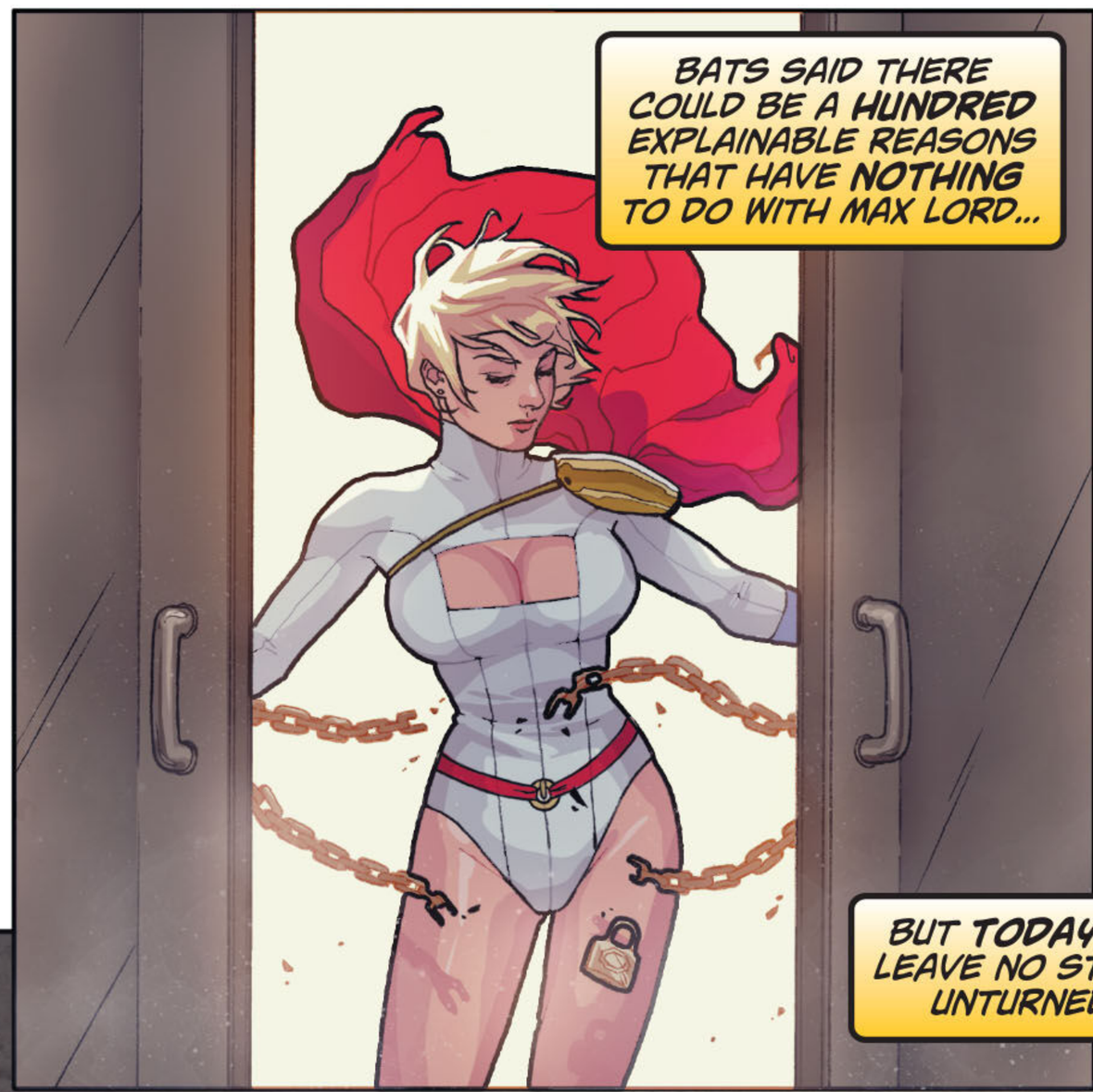

I SHOULDN'T BE SO ANGRY WITH BOOSTER.
DESPITE WHAT HE DOES, I KNOW HE'S TRYING. ALWAYS TRYING.
IT'S JUST HARD BEING AROUND HIM SOMETIMES. I REMEMBER TOO MUCH. FEEL TOO MUCH.

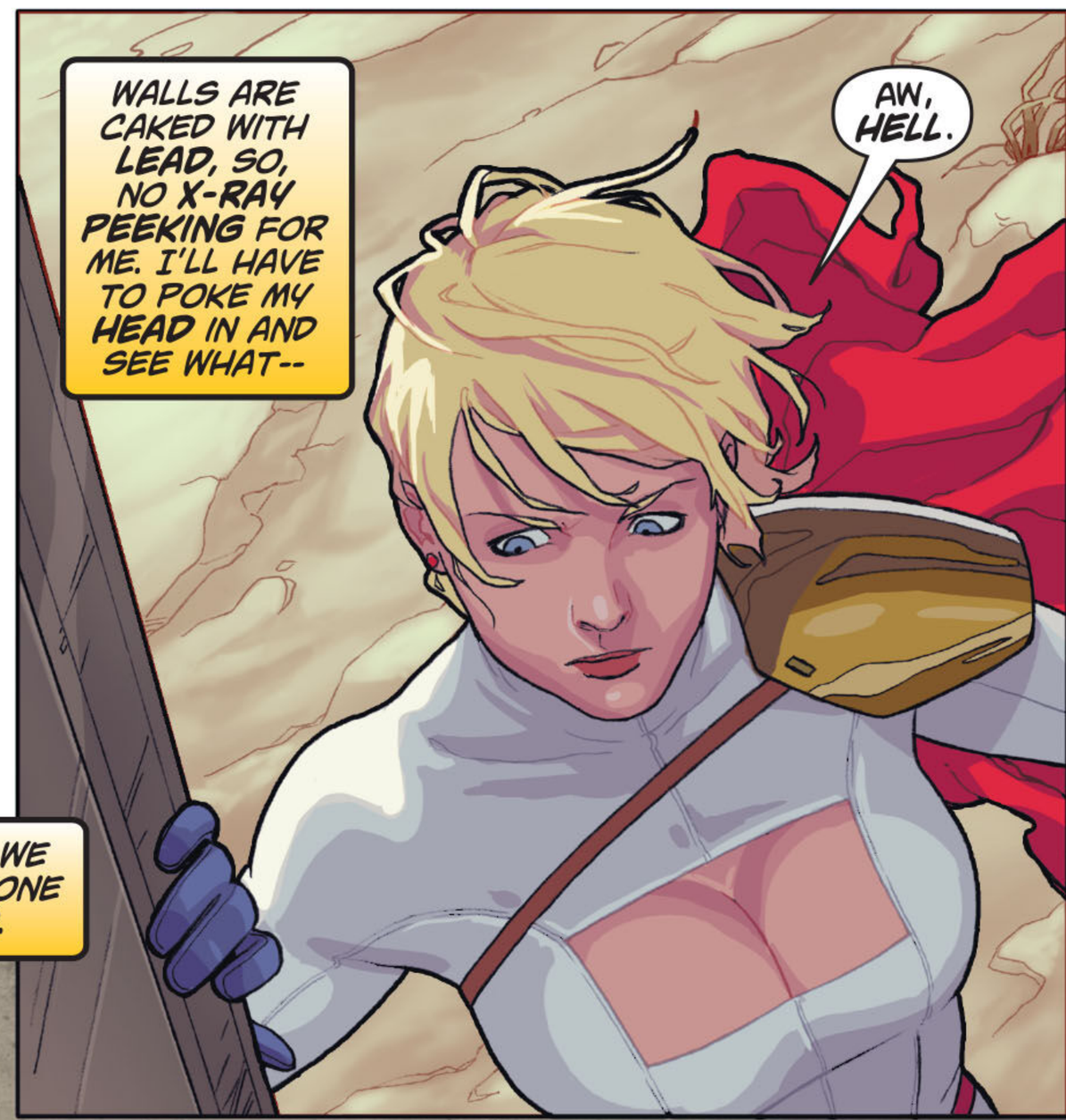

I WAS HAPPY WITH THE J.L.I.... THAT GROUP... THAT TIME...THOSE PEOPLE.
BUT THEY'RE GONE. THAT GROUP...THAT TIME... THOSE PEOPLE...
GONE. AND THEY'RE NEVER COMING BACK.


BUT I'M HAPPY NOW. FOR THE FIRST TIME IN A LONG TIME.
THE LITTLE WORLD I'VE MADE FOR MYSELF IN NEW YORK.
STARRWARE. THIS GROUP...THIS TIME...THESE PEOPLE. I HAVE A REAL LIFE AT LAST.


DAYS LIKE TODAY...
I THINK ABOUT THE PAST... AND I REMEMBER WHAT IT'S LIKE TO LOSE EVERYTHING.
NORTHERN CHINA.


ACCORDING TO BATMAN THIS OUTPOST WAS A MUNITIONS FACTORY 20 YEARS AGO.
SATELLITE IMAGERY IS SHOWING SOME ODD NEW RADIATION BURSTS.



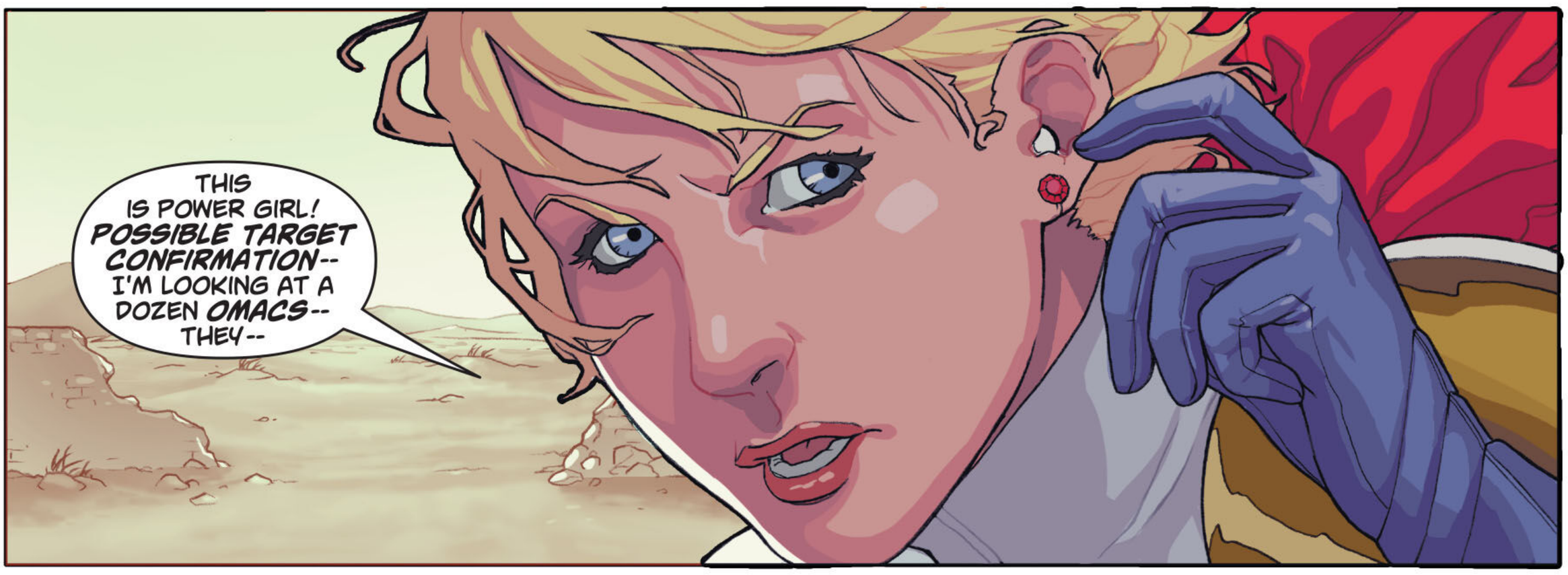


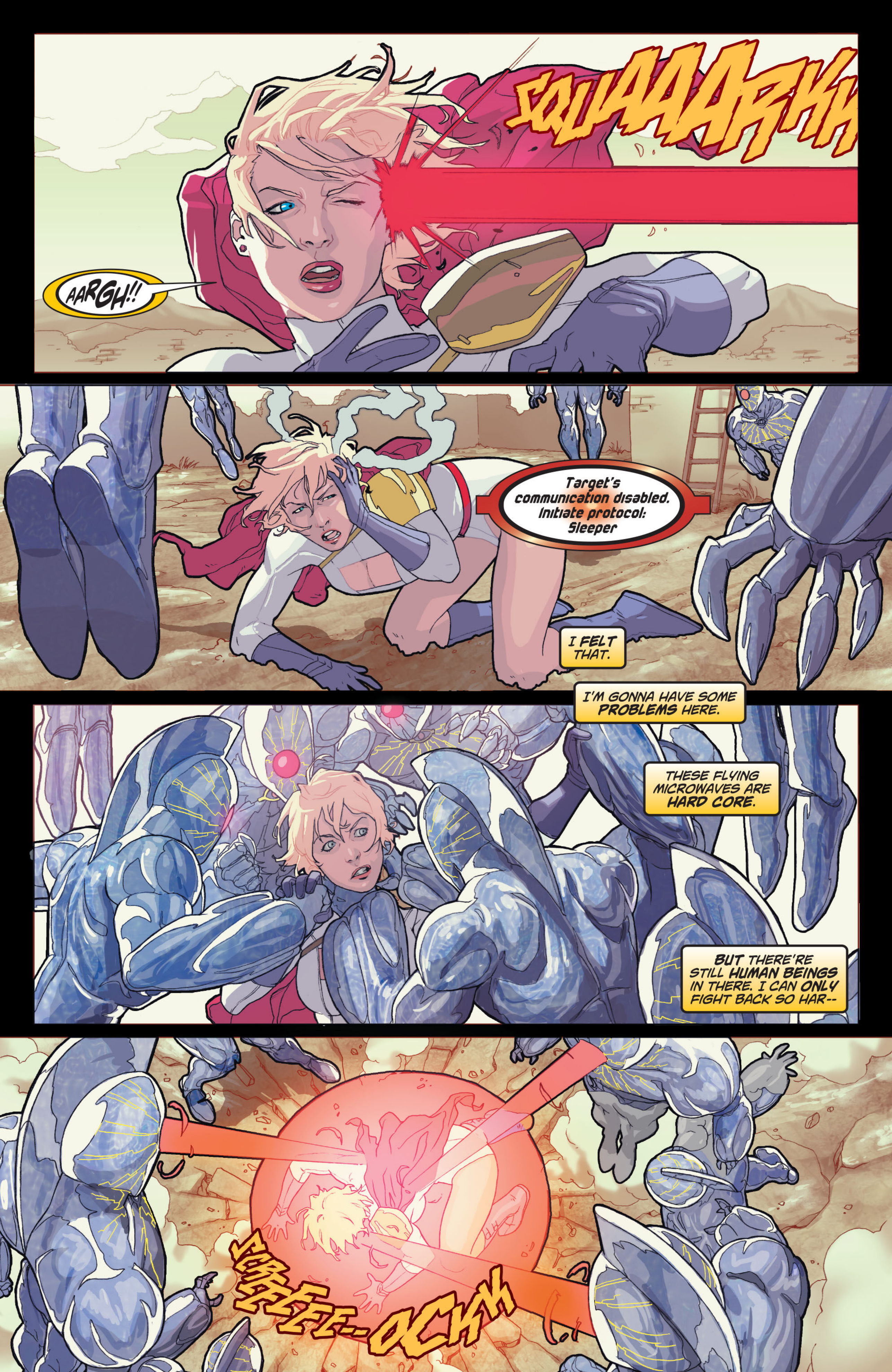
OMACS!

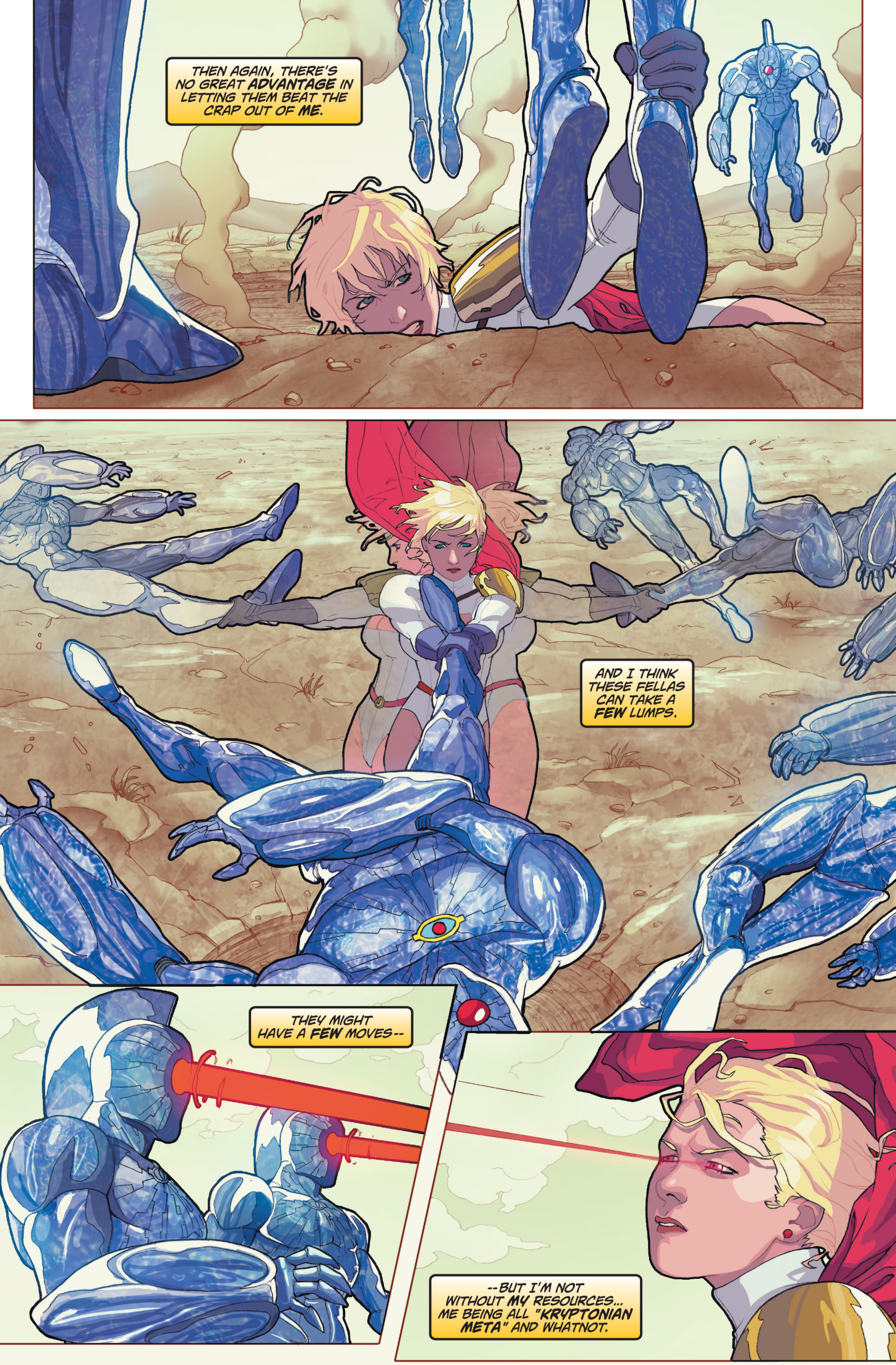
THEY'RE CYBORGS, HUMANS WHOSE BODIES HAVE BEEN TAKEN OVER BY A NANO-VIRUS!

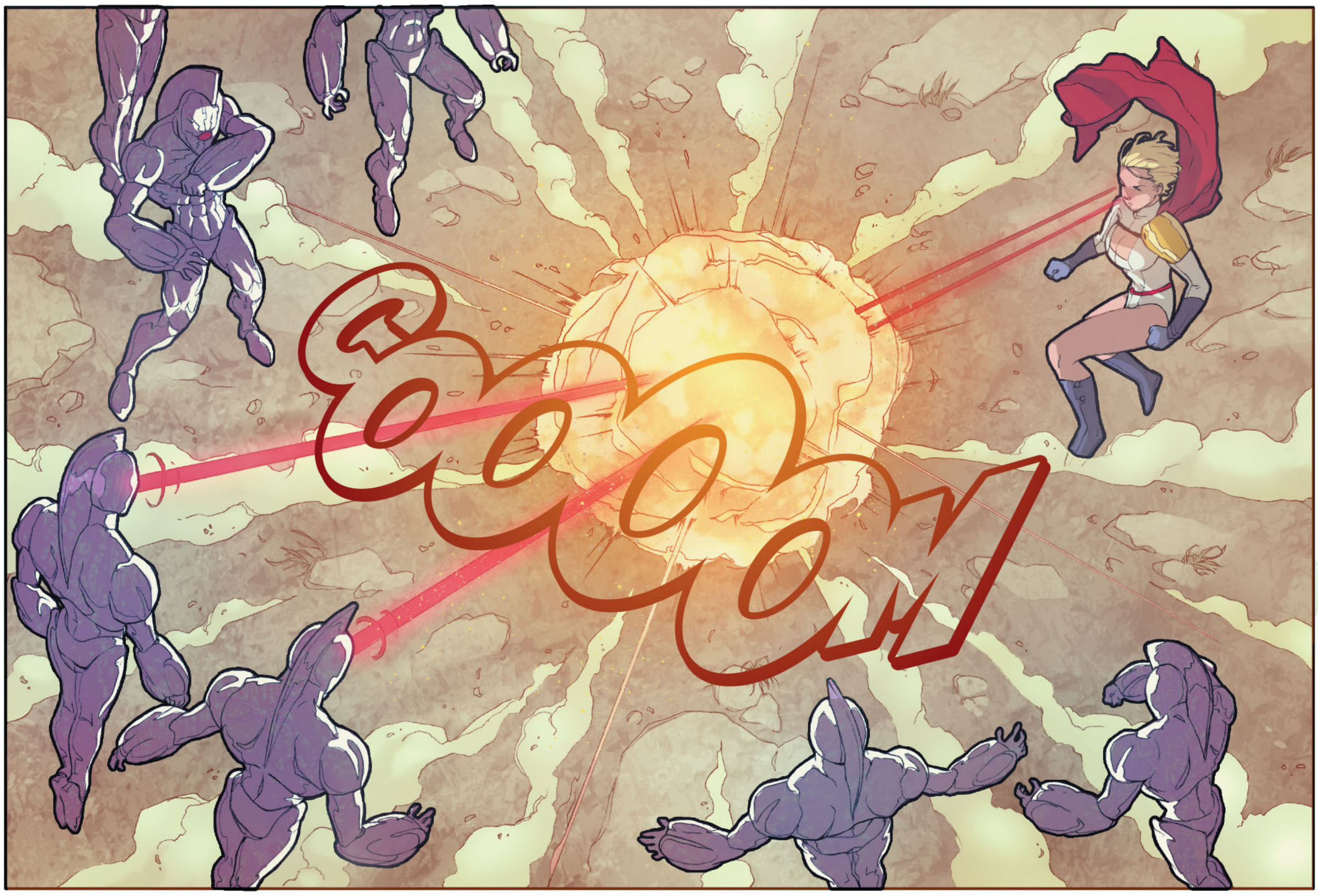
BUT THEY'RE SUPPOSED TO BE LONG GONE-- DESTROYED! THIS REALLY MEANS MAX MUST BE BA--

Intruder. Kryptonian Meta.




SQUAAAAFKH
AARGH!!
Target's communication disabled. Initiate protocol: Sleeper
I FELT THAT.
I'M GONNA HAVE SOME PROBLEMS HERE.
THESE FLYING MICROWAVES ARE HARD CORE.
BUT THERE'RE STILL HUMAN BEINGS IN THERE. I CAN ONLY FIGHT BACK SO HAR--
SQEEEEE--OCKK


THEN AGAIN, THERE'S NO GREAT ADVANTAGE IN LETTING THEM BEAT THE CRAP OUT OF ME.
AND I THINK THESE FELLAS CAN TAKE A FEW LUMPS.
THEY MIGHT HAVE A FEW MOVES--
--BUT I'M NOT WITHOUT MY RESOURCES... ME BEING ALL "KRYPTONIAN META" AND WHATNOT.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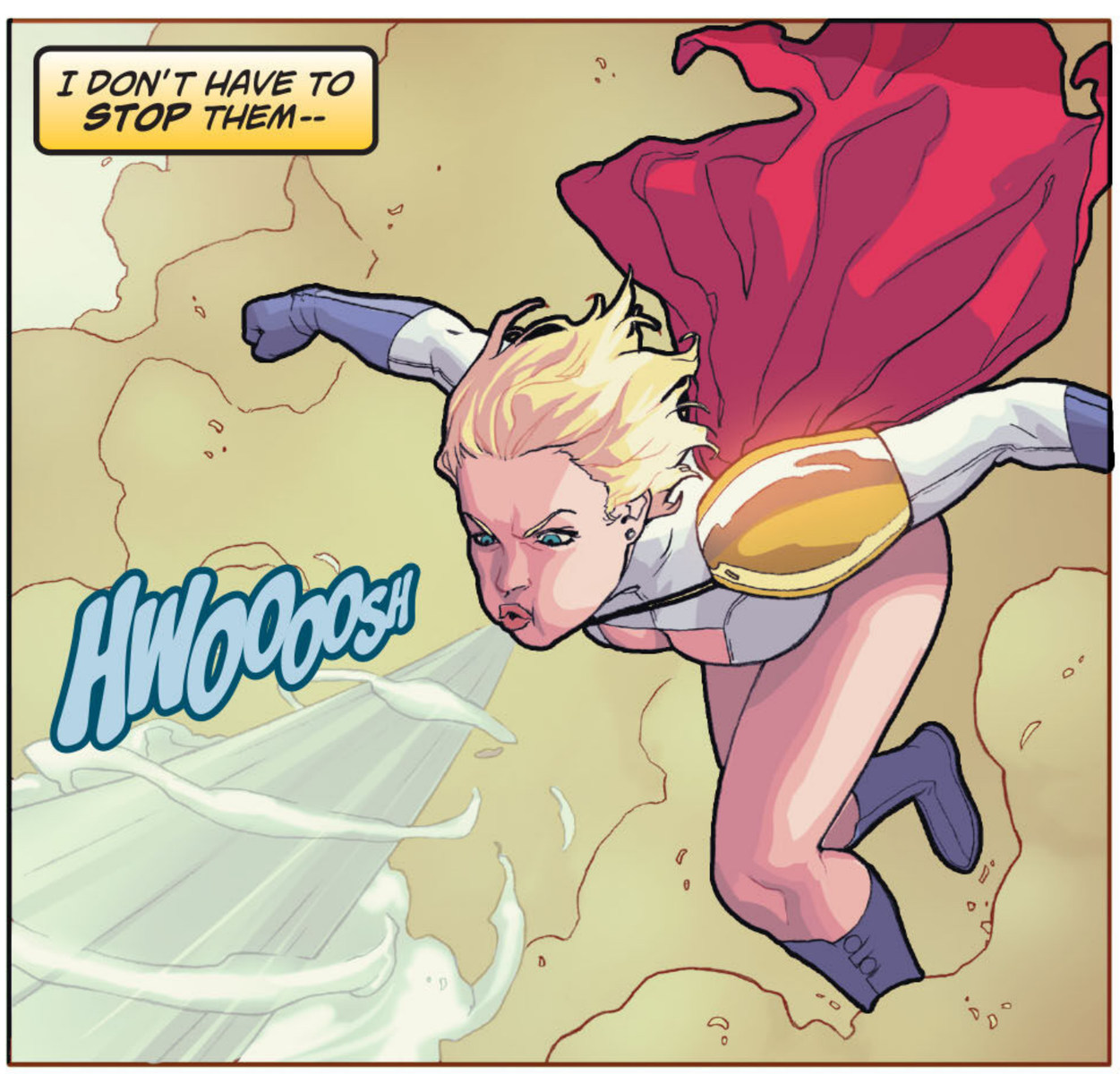
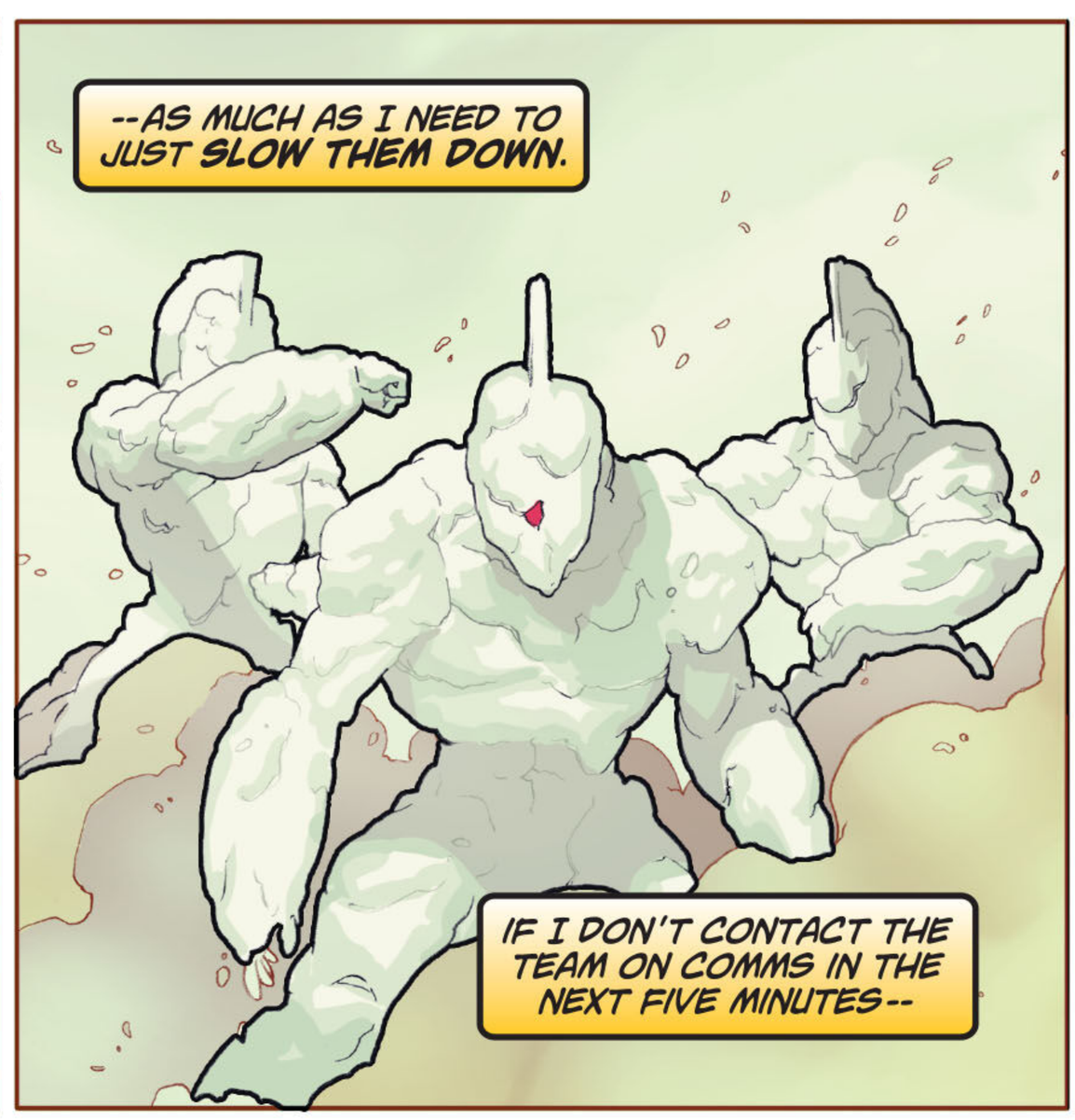
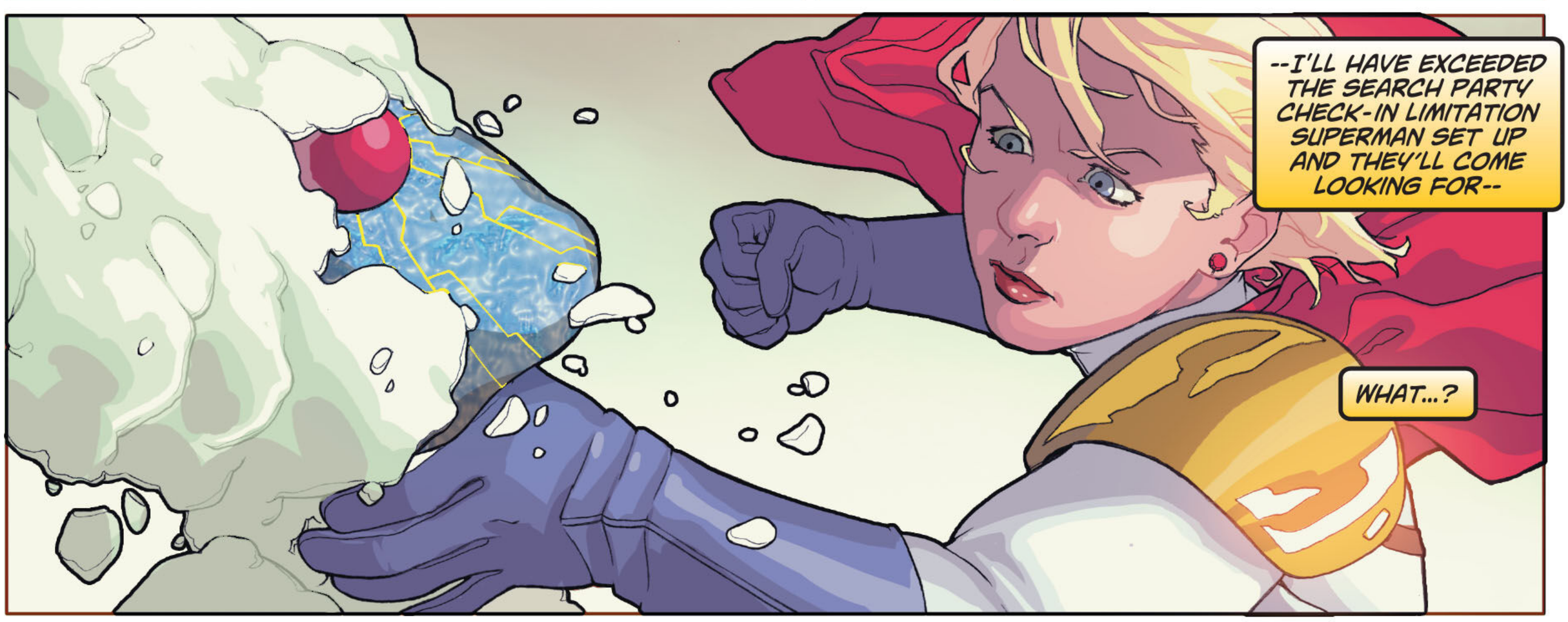
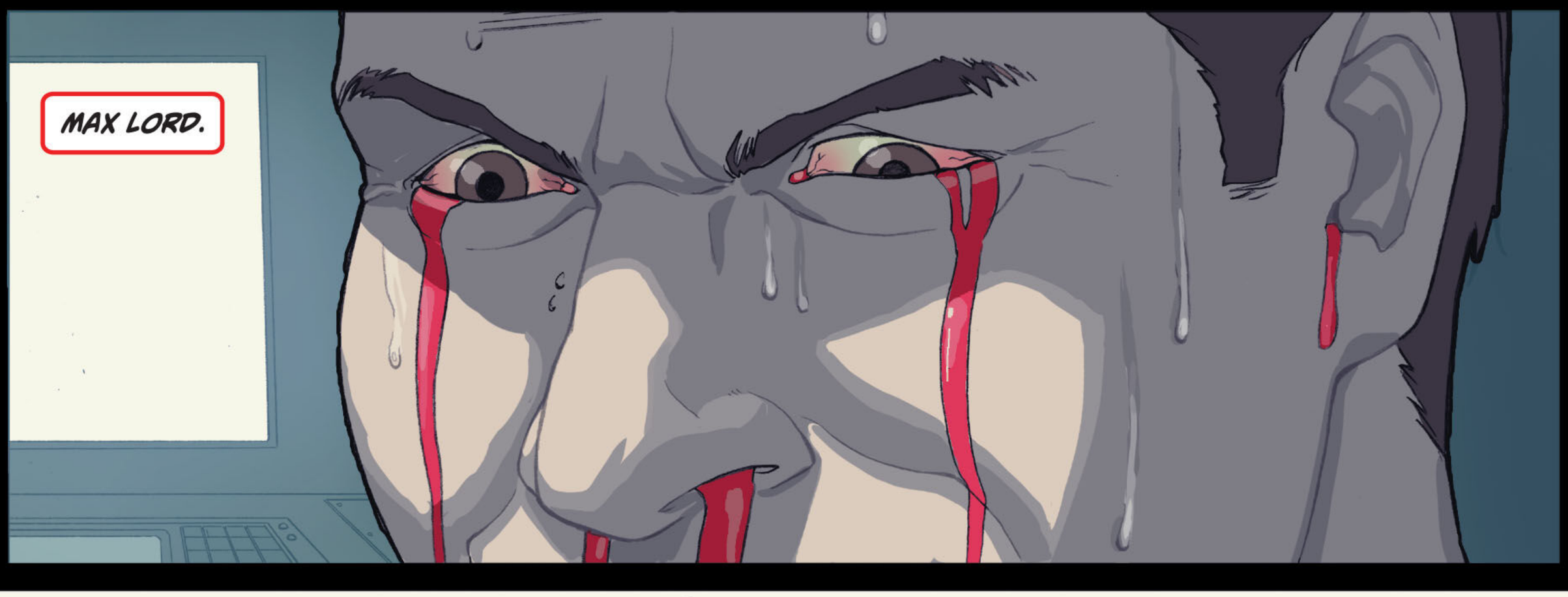

I DON'T HAVE TO STOP THEM--
HWOOOOSH


--AS MUCH AS I NEED TO JUST SLOW THEM DOWN.
IF I DON'T CONTACT THE TEAM ON COMMS IN THE NEXT FIVE MINUTES--


--I'LL HAVE EXCEEDED THE SEARCH PARTY CHECK-IN LIMITATION SUPERMAN SET UP AND THEY'LL COME LOOKING FOR--
WHAT...?

THEY'RE STOPPING. WHY ARE THEY STOPPING?
Cease protocol. Operation Cloud Cover–enacted–enacted–enacted--enacted--

"-- ENACTED–ENACTED–ENACTED–"
J.L.I. EMBASSY. NYC. DECOMMISSIONED.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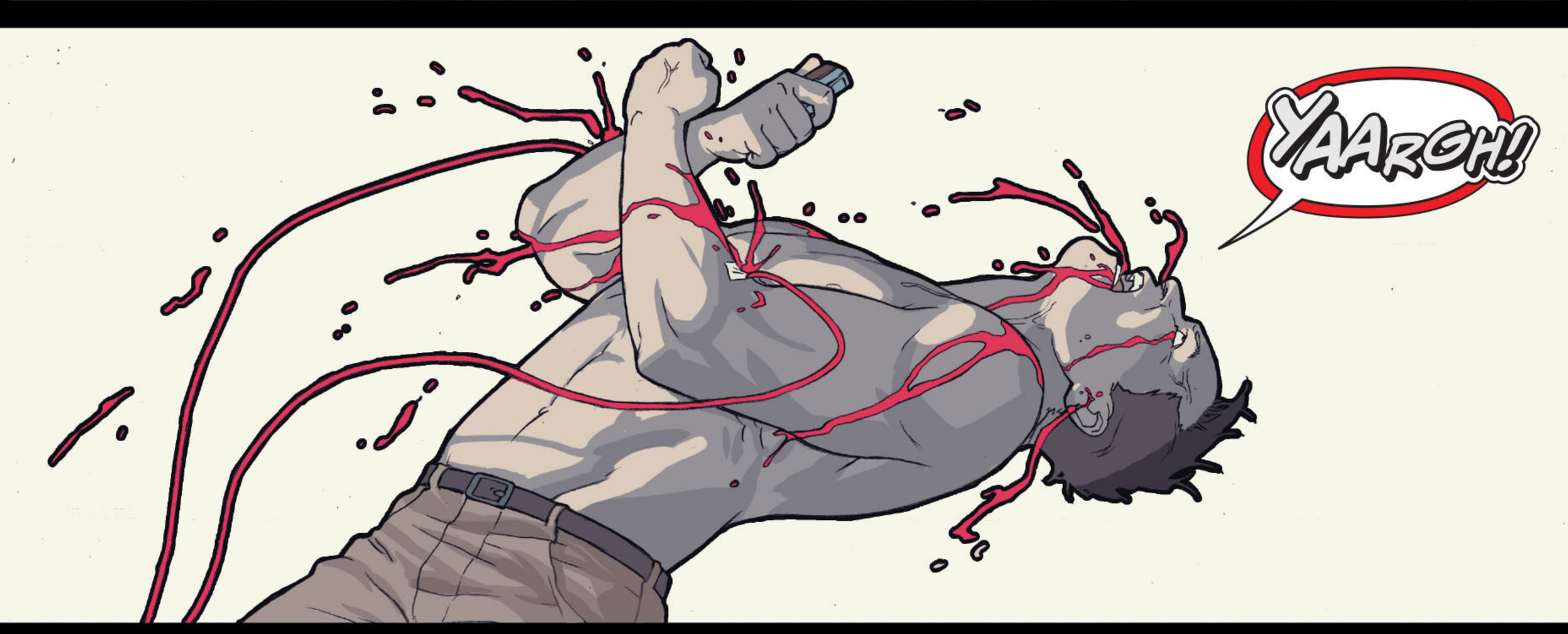
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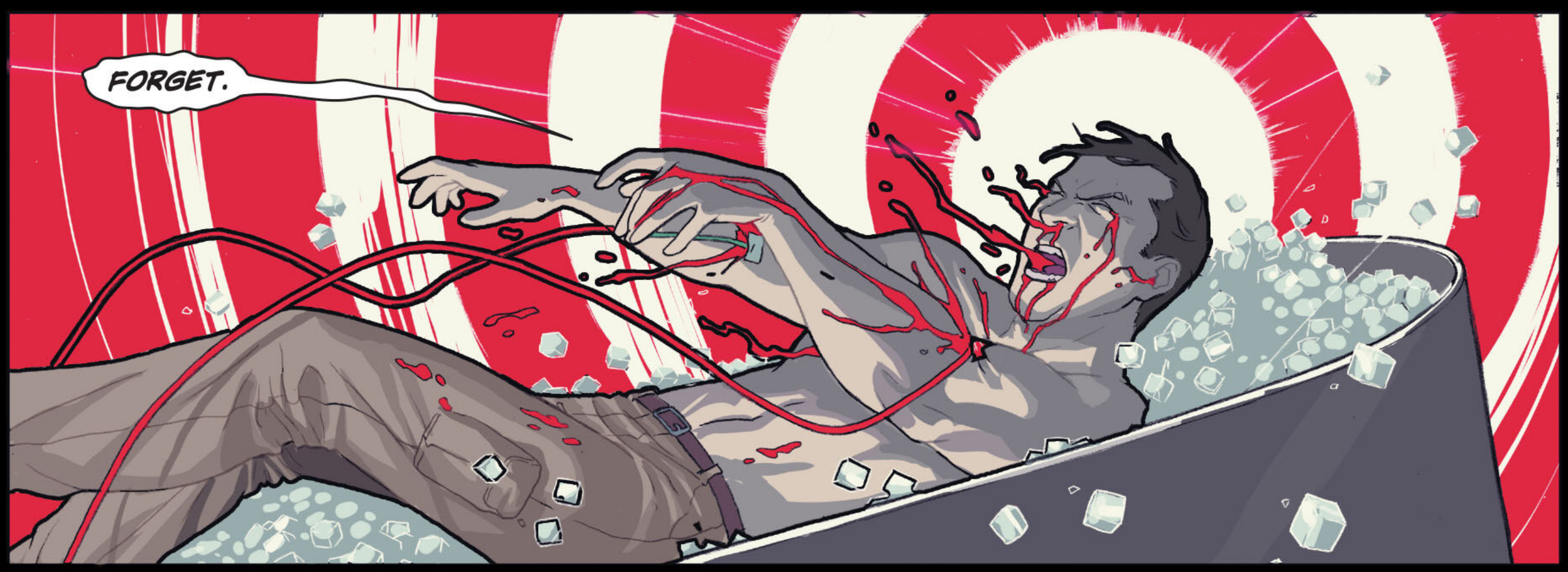
FORGET.

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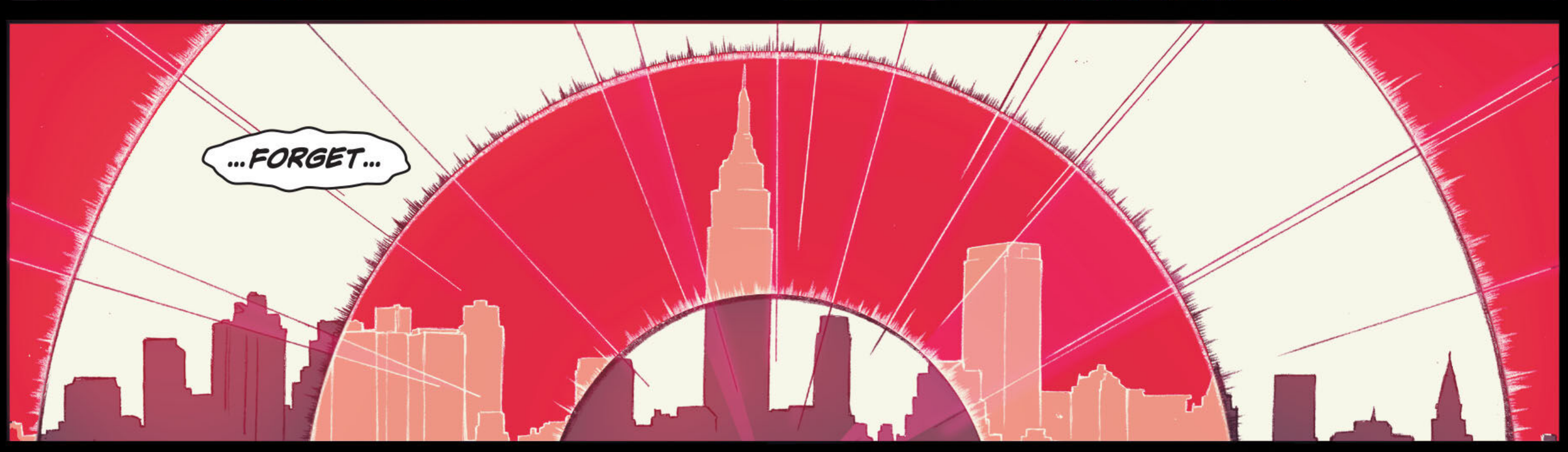
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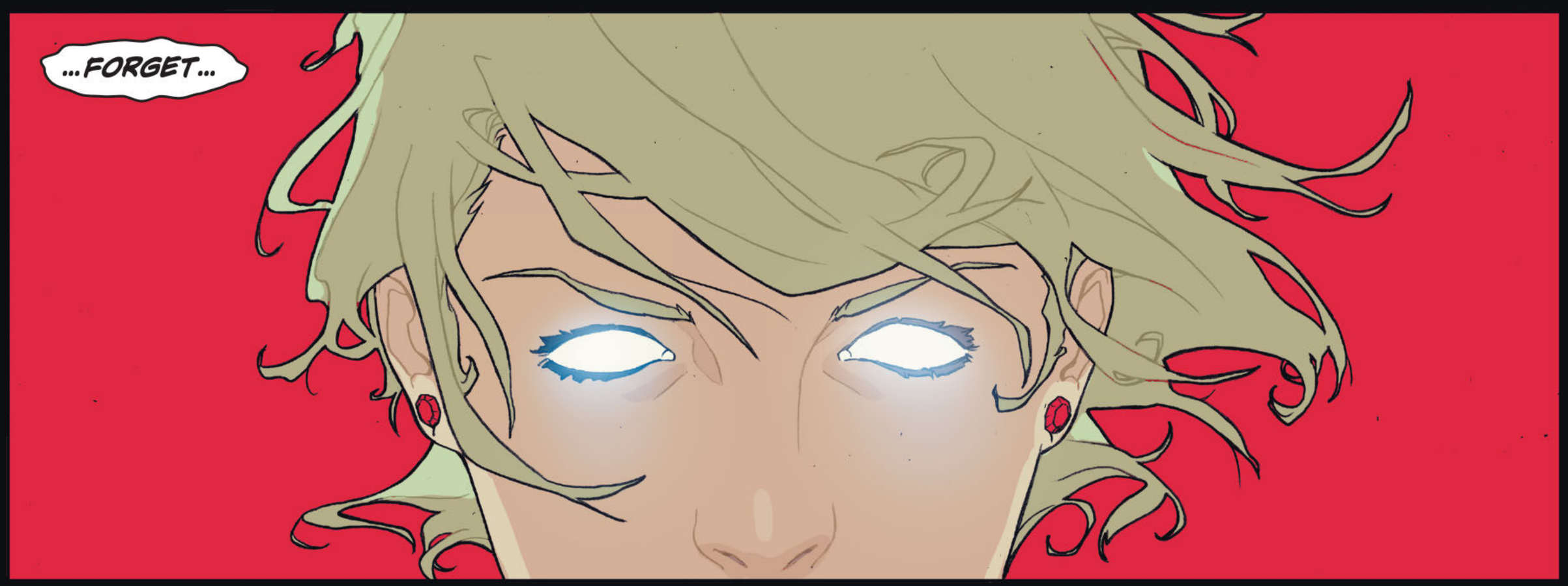
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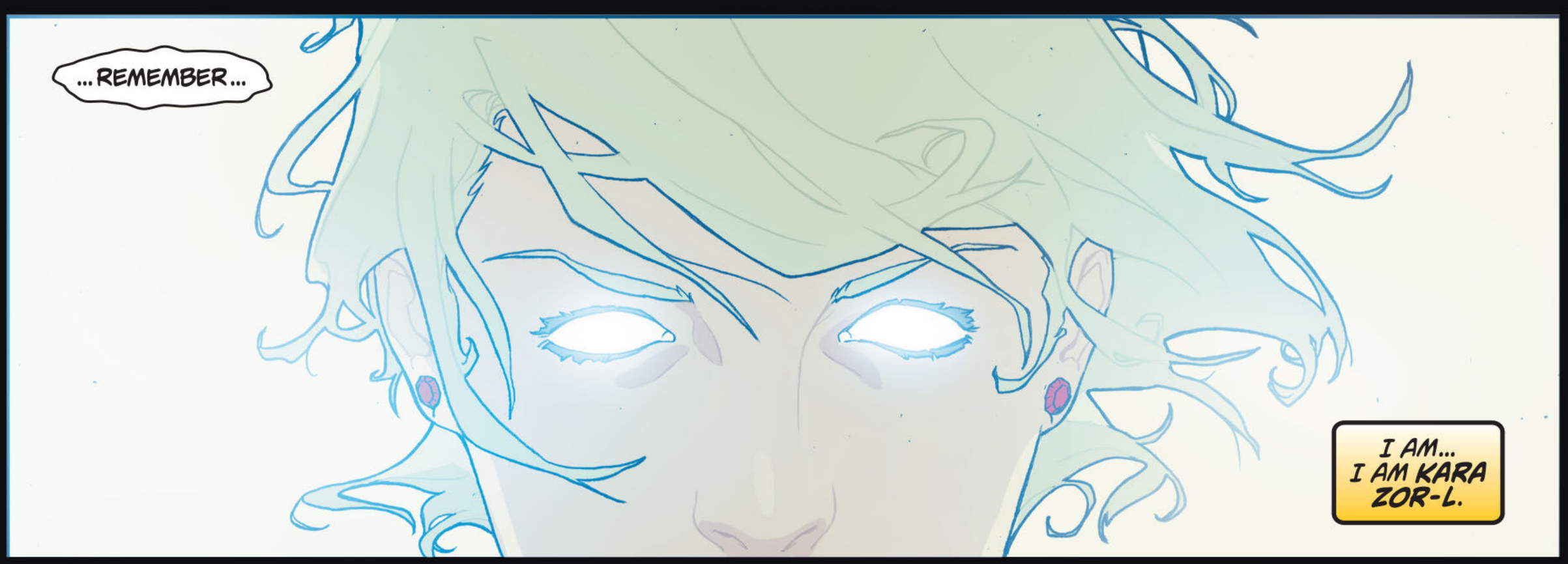
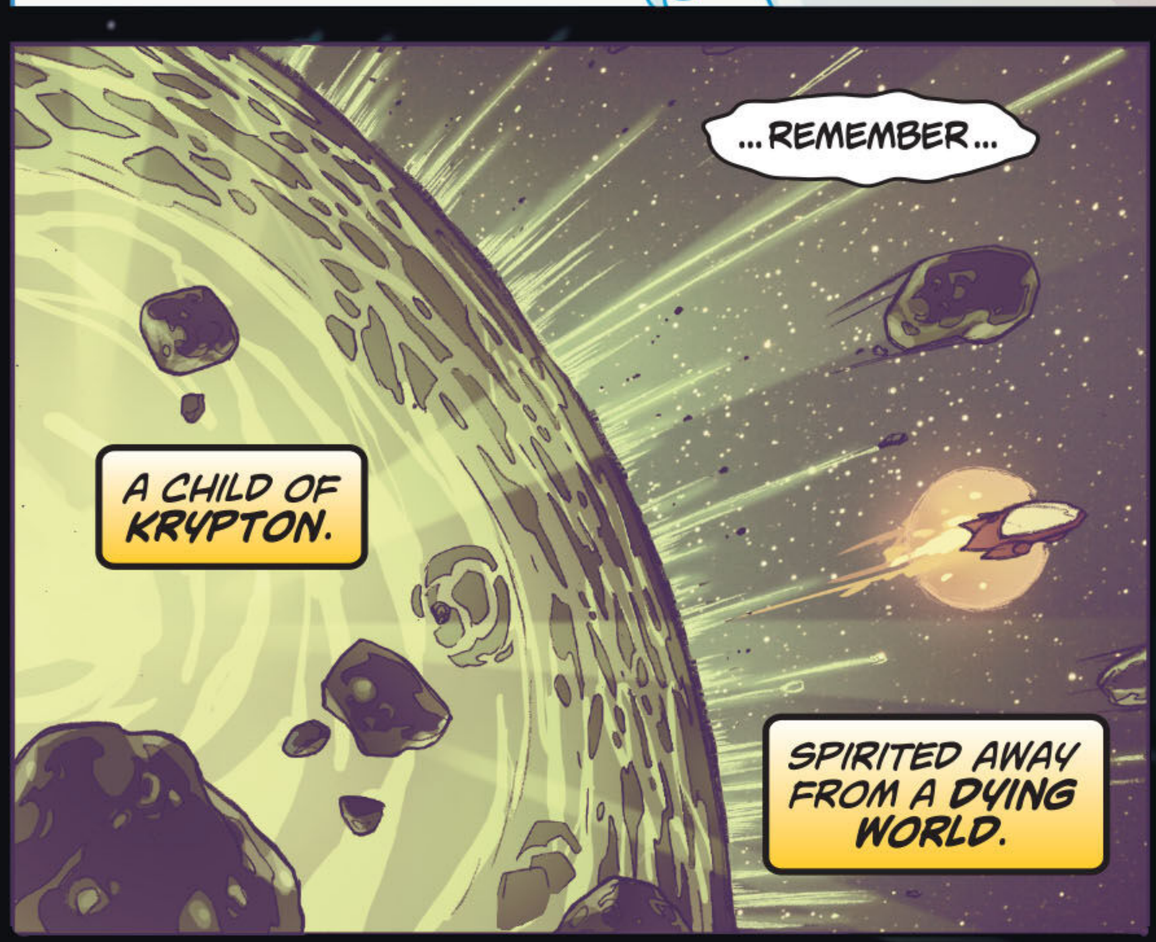
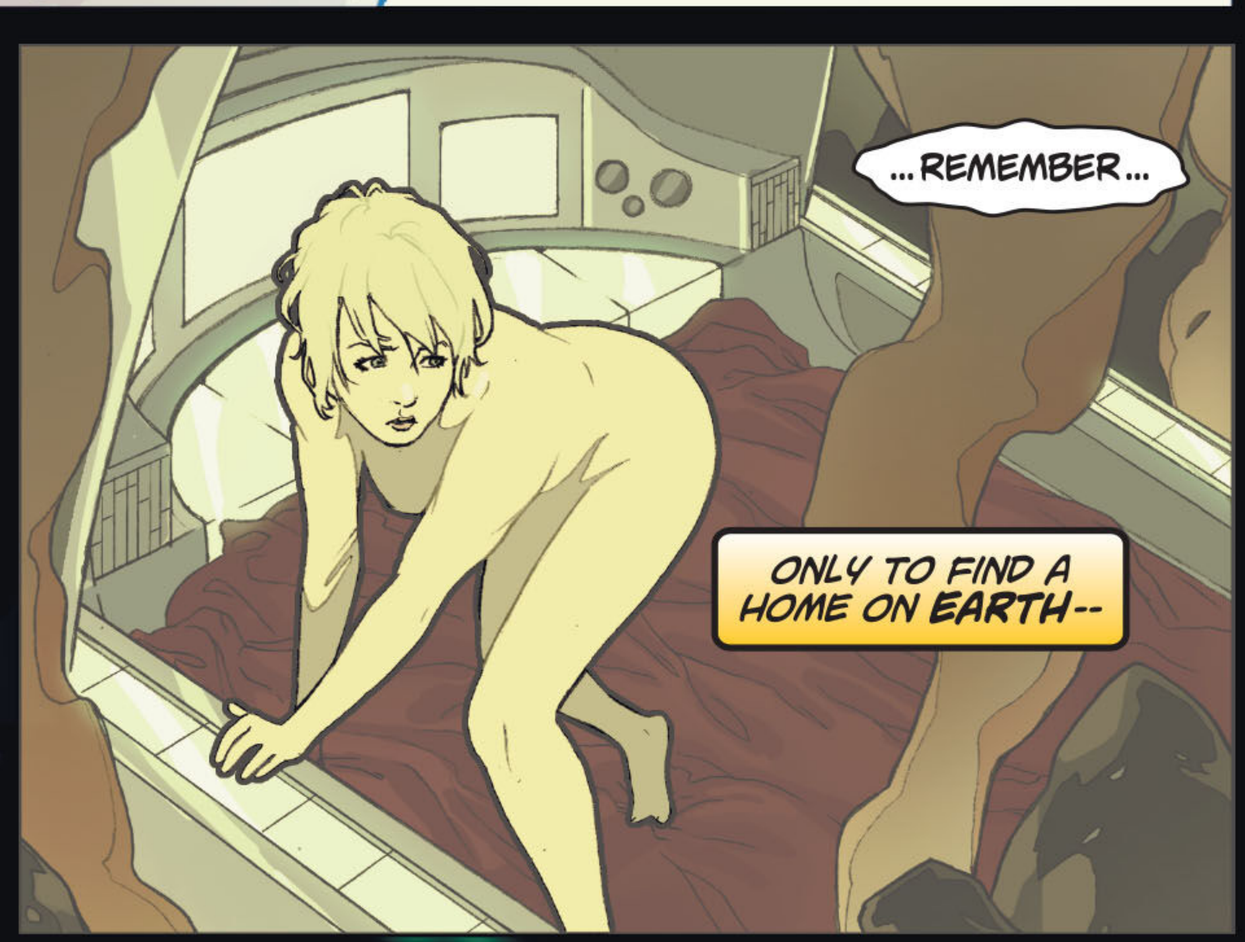
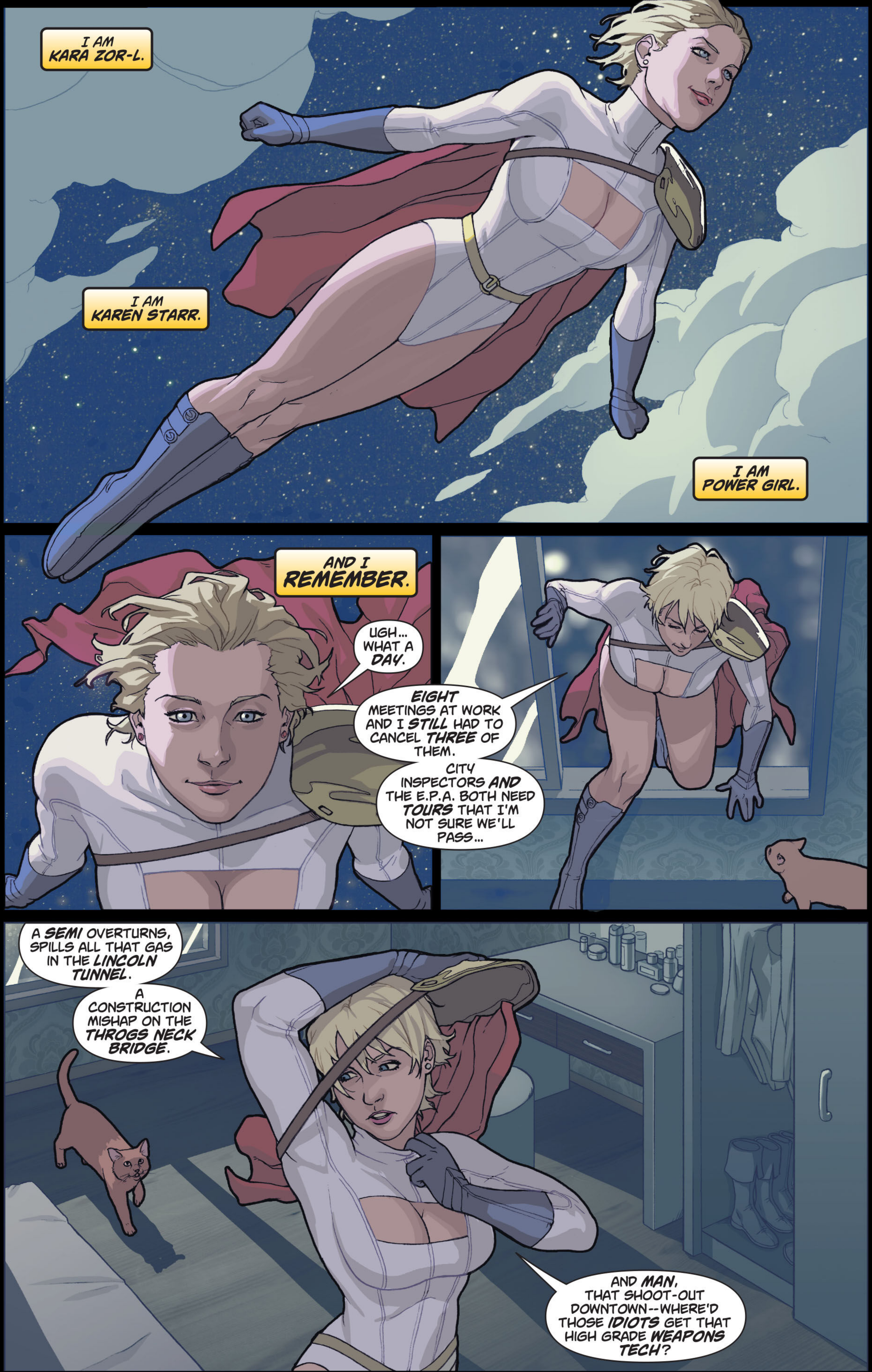

...REMEMBER...
I AM... I AM KARA ZOR-L.

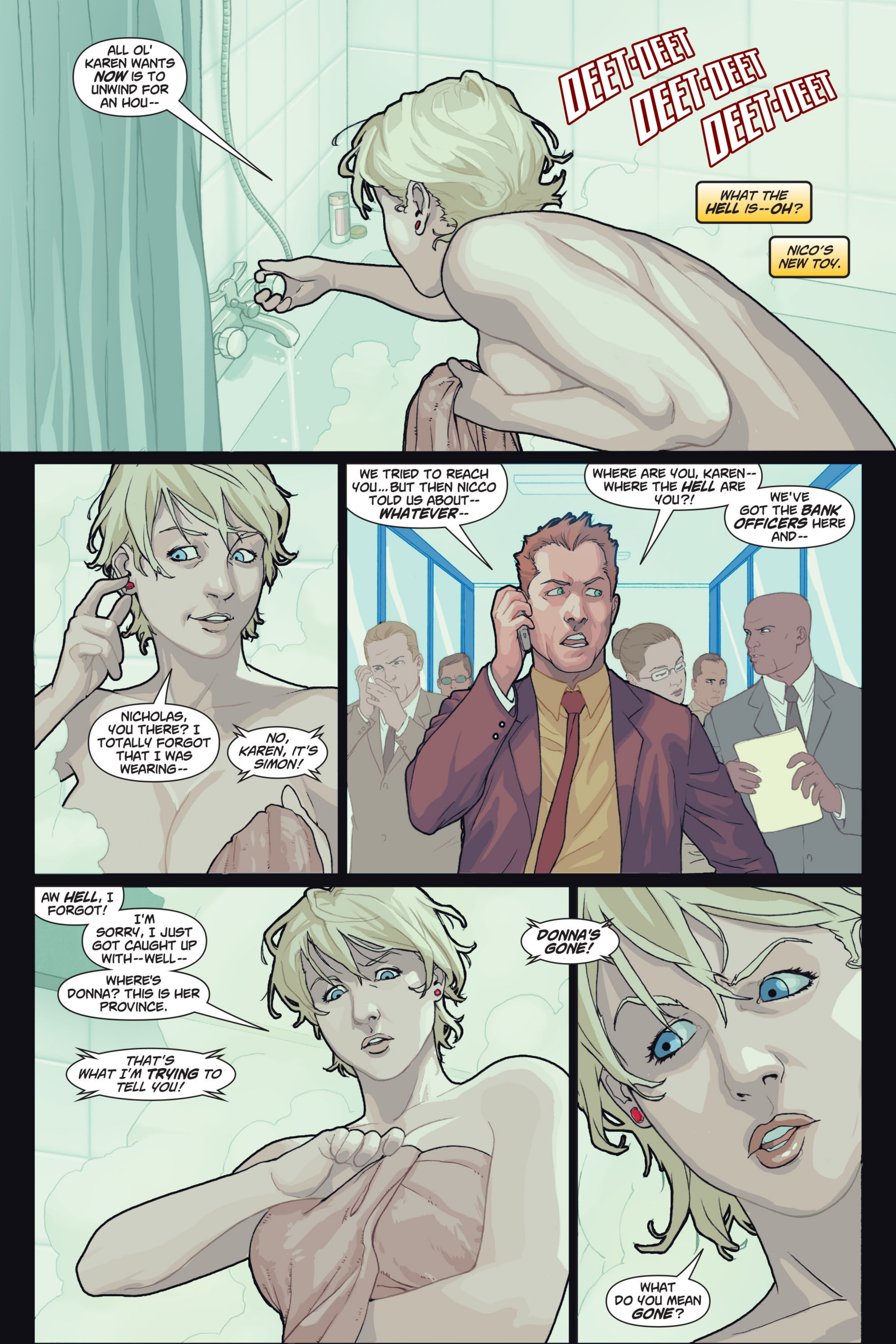

...REMEMBER...
A CHILD OF KRYPTON.
SPIRITED AWAY FROM A DYING WORLD.

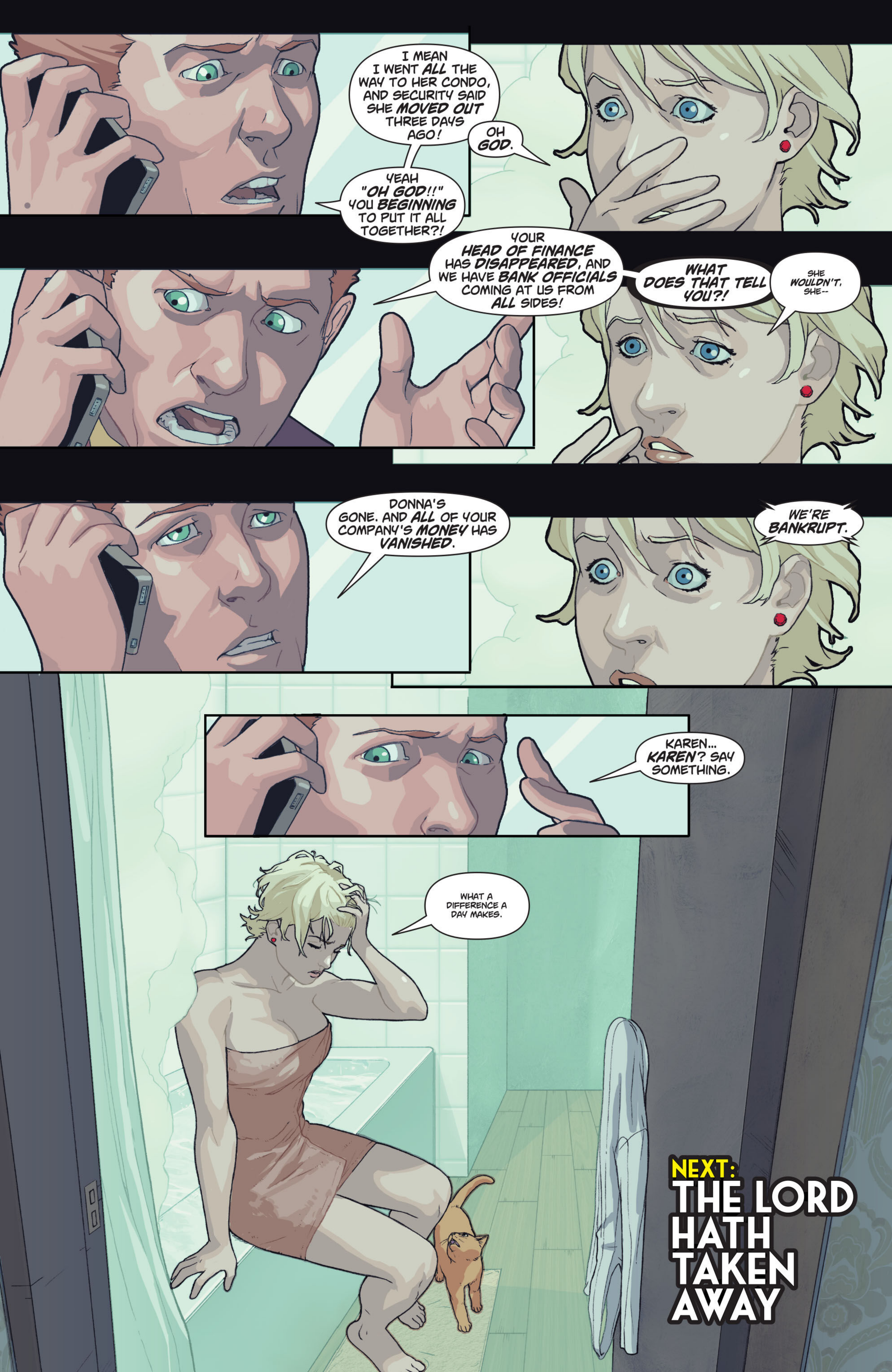

...REMEMBER...
ONLY TO FIND A HOME ON EARTH--

...REMEMBER...
--AND A PLACE IN THAT WORLD. A PURPOSE.
AN IDENTITY.
A COUSIN TO THE WORLD'S GREATEST PROTECTOR.
A "SUPERGIRL" TO HIS SUPERMAN.

...REMEMBER...
BUT THIS WORLD WOULD BE LOST TO ANOTHER KIND OF CRISIS. AND I WOULD BE SPIRITED AWAY AGAIN.
...REMEMBER...
ONLY TO FIND MYSELF ON EARTH...BUT A DIFFERENT EARTH, YET AGAIN--
--TO LEARN THAT ON THIS EARTH, ANOTHER OCCUPIED MY PLACE. MY EXISTENCE.
...REMEMBER...
MY IDENTITY.
...REMEMBER...
BUT STILL I FIND A PATH.
I FIND PURPOSE.


I AM KARA ZOR-L.
I AM KAREN STARR.
I AM POWER GIRL.
AND I REMEMBER.
UGH... WHAT A DAY.
EIGHT MEETINGS AT WORK AND I STILL HAD TO CANCEL THREE OF THEM.
CITY INSPECTORS AND THE E.P.A. BOTH NEED TOURS THAT I'M NOT SURE WE'LL PASS...
A SEMI OVERTURNS, SPILLS ALL THAT GAS IN THE LINCOLN TUNNEL.
A CONSTRUCTION MISHAP ON THE THROGS NECK BRIDGE.
AND MAN, THAT SHOOT-OUT DOWNTOWN--WHERE'D THOSE IDIOTS GET THAT HIGH GRADE WEAPONS TECH?


ALL OL' KAREN WANTS NOW IS TO UNWIND FOR AN HOU--
DEET-DEET DEET-DEET DEET-DEET
WHAT THE HELL IS--OH?
NICO'S NEW TOY.
NICHOLAS, YOU THERE? I TOTALLY FORGOT THAT I WAS WEARING--
NO, KAREN, IT'S SIMON!
WE TRIED TO REACH YOU...BUT THEN NICCO TOLD US ABOUT-- WHATEVER--
WHERE ARE YOU, KAREN-- WHERE THE HELL ARE YOU?!
WE'VE GOT THE BANK OFFICERS HERE AND--
AW HELL, I FORGOT!
I'M SORRY, I JUST GOT CAUGHT UP WITH--WELL--
WHERE'S DONNA? THIS IS HER PROVINCE.
THAT'S WHAT I'M TRYING TO TELL YOU!
DONNA'S GONE!
WHAT DO YOU MEAN GONE?


I MEAN I WENT ALL THE WAY TO HER CONDO, AND SECURITY SAID SHE MOVED OUT THREE DAYS AGO!
YEAH "OH GOD!!" YOU BEGINNING TO PUT IT ALL TOGETHER?!
OH GOD.
YOUR HEAD OF FINANCE HAS DISAPPEARED, AND WE HAVE BANK OFFICIALS COMING AT US FROM ALL SIDES!
WHAT DOES THAT TELL YOU?!
SHE WOULDN'T, SHE--
DONNA'S GONE. AND ALL OF YOUR COMPANY'S MONEY HAS VANISHED.
WE'RE BANKRUPT.
KAREN... KAREN? SAY SOMETHING.
WHAT A DIFFERENCE A DAY MAKES.
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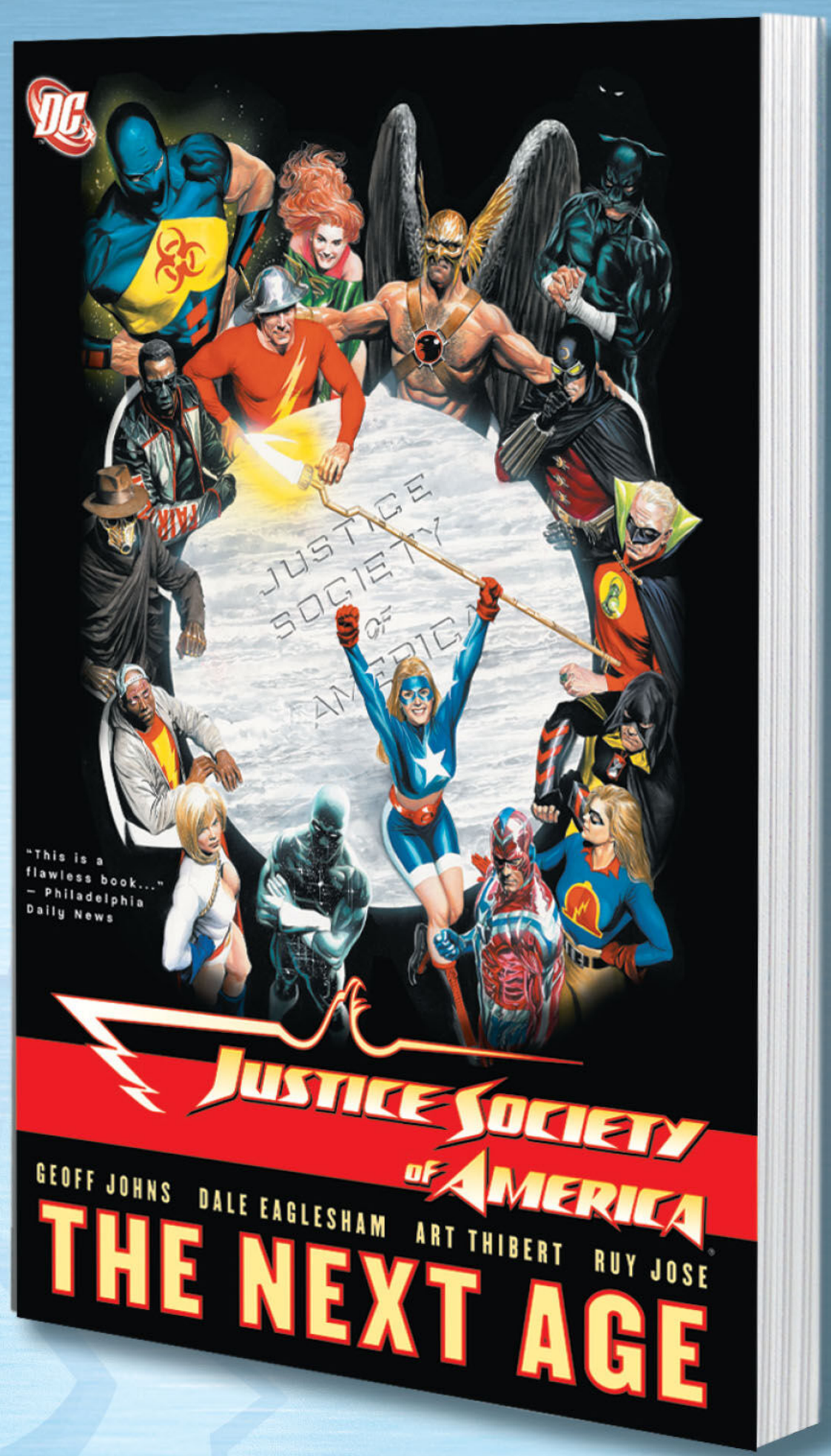

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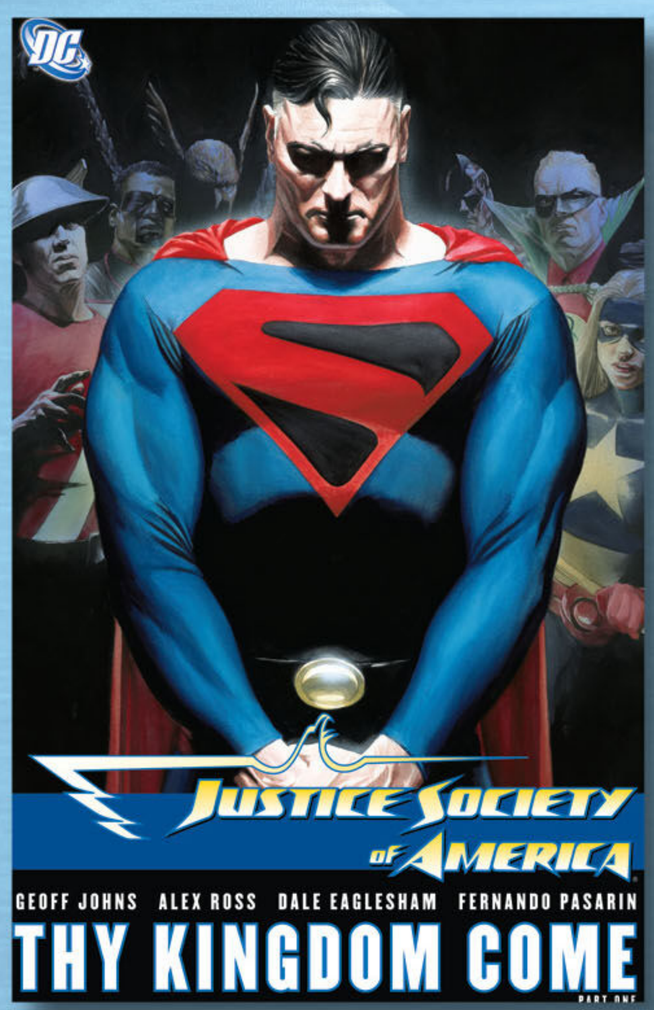

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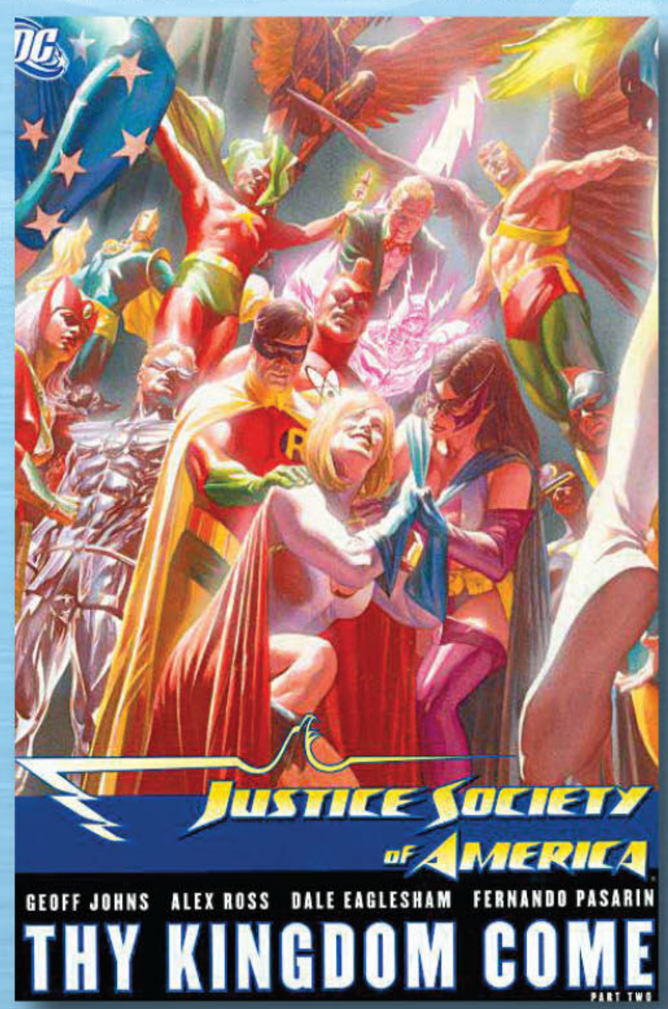

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